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BIRTHS.

BELMONT—January 6, 1925, at Nurse Hale's, 46 Harold's Cross road, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Belmont, a daughter.

CLARIDGE—January 13, 1925, at Coollattin, Shillelagh, County Wicklow, to Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Claridge, a daughter.

MERRIN—January 10, 1925, at "Stella Maris," Earlsfort terrace, Dublin, to Dr. Alfred and Dr. Gerda Merrin, of Mount Haigh, Kingstown, a daughter.

PARKER—January 11, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Parker, Baily, County Dublin, a daughter.

TIERNEY—January 10, 1925, at 22 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, the wife of Gerald Tierney, M.B., F.R.C.S.I., a son.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

ALLEN—January 14, 1925, at his residence, Kelso terrace, Dundalk, Joseph Allen, aged 68 years. Funeral private.

BULLICK—January 14, 1925, at Marine Villa, Howth, Robert Bullick, in his 85th year. Funeral from Howth Parish Church on Saturday, 2.30 p.m., for St. Fintan's Cemetery. Canadian papers please copy.

CARTER—January 6, 1925, at Foxley, Burnham, Bucks., Annie Cyril Josephine Louise, wife of Hugh A. Carter, and eldest daughter of the late John Augustus and Mrs. Smith, of Clonmult, Midleton, County Cork, and Sion Lodge, Waterford.

COLLINS—January 11, 1925, at Mundsley-on-Sea, Maur Collins, late of Frogmore, Tralee, R.I.P. Remains will arrive in Tralee to-day (Thursday) 5 p.m. High Mass to-morrow (Friday) 10 a.m. Funeral to Rath 2 p.m.

CORCORAN—January 12, 1925, at Coolmeen House, Roscommon (the residence of his son-in-law, T. Collins), John Corcoran, of Ballycastle, County Mayo in his 71st year. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing children. R.I.P. Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Bridget's Church, Ballycastle, at 11 a.m. to-day (Thursday). Funeral immediately afterwards. No flowers, by request.

CRUIKSHANKS—January 13, 1925, at Dunsany, Alexander, son of the late Alexander and Louisa Cruikshanks, Carrick-on-Shannon. Funeral to-day (Thursday), 2 o'clock, to Kilmessan.

DOYLE—January 14, 1925, in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, Christopher Doyle, carpenter, life-long and faithful servitor of the Jesuit Fathers of Clongowes Wood College, aged 82. R.I.P. Funeral from Clongowes Wood Church to-morrow (Friday) at 2 o'clock.

DUNNE—January 14, 1925, William P. (Willie), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Dunne, of 15 Addison road, Fairview, aged 2½ years. Funeral (private) this day (Thursday) to Glasnevin.

PALMER—January 12, 1925, at Littlehome, Ormiston Park, Knock, Belfast, J. Johnstone Palmer, dearly-beloved husband of Emily T. Palmer. Funeral to Dundonald to-day (Thursday), 15th, at 11 a.m.

PHAIR—January 8, 1925, at Edgeworthstown, Jane, relict of the late John Phair, formerly of Lough Rynn. American papers please copy.

STEWART—January 13, 1925, at his residence, 388 Beersbridge road, Belfast, John, the dearly-loved husband of Sophia Stewart, late of Temple House, Ballymote. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. Funeral to-day (Thursday) at 2 o'clock to Dundonald Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. Henry Norman, Rathkeale, returns thanks to her many friends for their kind letters and telegrams of sympathy on the death of her son, Alfred Norman, LL.D.

Mrs. Norman, 16 Ely place, desires to return thanks to the many friends who sent letters and telegrams of sympathy in her recent sudden bereavement.

The widow and family of the late **John K. O'Connell**, 4 Rutland square, return sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sent messages of condolence to them in their recent bereavement. It would be impossible to reply to each individually.

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The Directors invite applications for the vacant Post of Registrar and Secretary. Candidate must be well educated and a good accountant, with experience in administrative work. Salary £300 per annum. Apply, stating age, qualifications, and enclosing copies of testimonials to the Honorary Secretaries, at the Hospital, before the 26th January, 1925. No canvassing allowed.
DRESSMAKERS—Wanted several Dressmakers for Ballet Frocks, etc.; only those used to theatricals need apply.—E 1180, this office.
FIVE Aerials—for the perfect Wireless Station. See the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. F
GIRL Wanted for Readymades and Boots; junior might suit; send copy reference, stating salary, indoor. Address "Z 628, Girl," this office. 12 E
IRISH Products Competition—All solutions must be sent in to the "Weekly Irish Times" Office by Saturday morning, 17th inst. F
LEARN to Drive—£1 per week, Ford private car.—E 843, this office. 10 D
MILLINERY, Mantles—Wanted, young Lady, with best class experience, stylish trimmer, progressive trade, good provincial town, Northern Ireland; lowest salary indoor; enclose copies references. Address "Z 572, Milliner," this office. 10 D
MINERAL Water Manager for Syrups and Machinery required; must be capable man; state experience and salary expected. Address "Z 651, Manager," this office. 13 E
MOTOR Salesman, experienced, Wanted for country town; salary and commission. Apply by letter, stating age, experience and enclosing copies testimonials, to H. Coleman and Co., Auditors, 36 Nassau street, Dublin. 12 E
NAMES of Irish Products Competition in the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES" Christmas Number. All solutions must be received at this office by Saturday morning, 17th inst. F
NAMES of Prize Winners in the Christmas Picture Puzzle Competition appear to-day in the "Weekly Irish Times." F
REPRESENTATIVE Wanted, perfect House Purchase Scheme; liberal commission.—E 987, this office. 12 D
START a Business in Drapery, etc., from £1 upwards. Special attention to widows and beginners. Sure living. Write for advice and list. H. Levaine (Dept. C), 143 Houndsditch, London, E. 1. X
SAWYER—Wanted really capable man for circular saw.—William McElroy, Ltd., Mountmellick. 13 E
SMART Shorthand Typist and Bookkeeper Wanted, capable taking charge; state reference, age, salary.—E 1218, this office.
TYPE Company require Protestant young lady, Junior Clerk; must be quick and accurate, good at shorthand and typewriting; state experience, send copies references; salary £1 weekly.—E 1199, this office.
WANTED, a respectable Woman to look after an old lady and do housekeeping. Address "Z 591, Housekeeper," this office. 11 D
WANTED, young man for Hardware, country town, state salary and reference. Address "Z [illegible], Man," this office. 12 E
WANTED at once, capable, energetic Salesman as Charge of Woollens and Readymade Departments. Reply, stating salary expected, with copies of references, to "Z 653, Salesman," this office. 13 F
WANTED, an Assistant, experienced in Millinery and Costumes; must be capable of taking charge in buyer's absence.—E 1025, this office. 13 D
WANTED, City Office, Junior Shorthand Typist, neat and accurate worker.—E 1030, this office. 13 D
WANTED, competent Bookkeeper, with experience of the Motor and Engineering Trade. Applicants must enclose copies of testimonials and state salary expected. Address "Z 667, Bookkeeper," this office. 13 F
WANTED, Mother's Help; must be experienced; send copies reference and state salary. Address "Z 689, Help," this office.
WANTED, Junior Assistant, Protestant, for high class Grocery in provincial town, South of Ireland. Apply, with copy reference, to E 1237, this office. 14 A
WANTED, young Girl, Companion Help, practical knowledge of housework; curable servant kept; family three (adults); Protestant clergyman's daughter preferred; nominal salary; comfortable home.—153, Irish Times Branch Office, Dorset street Bridge.

MONEY, PARTNERSHIPS ETC.

ADVANCES on War Loans, Stocks, Shares; Pension Vouchers cashed.—A. Elkinson, 48 Aungier street. 26 11
ADVANCES to Shopkeepers and private individuals, from £3 upwards, without security; no delay; strict confidence.—D 1407, this office. 26 1
A LOAN from £10 upwards can be had; reasonable interest, long terms; Dublin only.—E 416, this office. 78 14

MONEY, PARTNERSHIPS, CONTINUED

EX-MILITARY and R.I.C. Pension Vouchers Cashed without delay at 32 South Frederick street, Dublin. T
GENTLEMAN, with established Tailoring Trade in city, wishes to hear from first Cutter, with view to Partnership; none but those having thorough knowledge in the cutting of military garments need apply.—E 1103, this office. 13 D
INCORPORATED Company requires Manager, also Analytical Chemist, each with £500.—E 1090, this office. 13 F
INVESTOR, with about £500, required for Parcel Merchandise; will divide profits; can be realised quickly; no money lenders need apply.—E 1250, this office.
LOANS—The Commercial Union Loan and Discount Co., Ltd., 57 Middle Abbey street, Dublin, grant Loans. Apply to Manager. 26 30
LOANS, £2 upwards. Lent without delay; private.—E 805, this office. 10 D
LOANS Granted to respectable applicants.—P. Toohey, 5 Fownes street, off Dame street. 52 6
LOANS advanced to all respectable applicants.—E 895, this office. 12 X
PATENT Rights—Small Syndicate, £1 shares, forming to finance Irish Patent Motor, guaranteed fifty per cent saving over all running expenses, with other advantages; large profits assured.—E 1235, this office.
REQUIRED immediately, Private Mortgage on Property in Dublin, from £600 to £700; good security.—E 1159, this office.
SLEEPING Partner Wanted, £50-£300, established business, large profit, suit lady.—E 1158, this office.
£5 TO £500 Advanced privately on approved personal security of borrower at an extremely low rate of interest; loan can be repaid by small instalments to suit. Call or write for particulars, S. Freeman and Co., 1 Garfield street, Belfast. 26 2

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS, OFFICIALS, SERVANTS, ETC.

POSITIONS VACANT.
CHEF (First Class) Wanted for city Hotel and Restaurant. Apply, with copies of references, E 1230, this office. 14 A
HOUSEKEEPER Wanted for Northern Counties Hotel, Londonderry. Apply, sending copies of references only and salary required, to Manager. 12 E
HOTEL—Young General Porter Wanted; give full particulars and state wages.—E 1233, this office.
WANTED, experienced Cook for large Commercial Hotel, provincial town; salary £52 per year. Apply, with full particulars, stating age, etc., to "Z 615, Cook," this office. 12 D
WANTED for City Hotel, young, experienced Housekeeper. Apply, stating age, salary expected, copies references (only those giving full particulars considered), E 1060, this office. 13 F
WAITRESS required for small, first class Hotel. Reply, with copies of references, E 1168, this office.
WANTED, a smart Kitchenmaid; good wages.—Belgrave Hotel, Belgrave square, Rathmines. 14 A
EMPLOYMENT WANTED.
A THOROUGHLY experienced Hotel Waitress; highly recommended.—E 1157, this office.
HOTEL Manageress desires change; long experience first class hotels, buying, catering for large numbers, bar and office.—E 1238, this office. 14 E
KITCHEN Porter disengaged; knowledge steam boilers, cooking, etc.; recommended; hotel or otherwise.—E 1247, this office.
YOUNG Betweenmaid, hotel or private house; good papers.—E 1149, this office.

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED.
First Class Seed Firm has vacancies for Agents to Sell Farm Seeds on liberal terms. Must have good connection amongst farmers. Preference given to those already representing Manufacturers of Feeding Stuffs or Fertilisers. Address "Z 223, Agents," this office. 27 1
SALESMAN-MOTORIST
REQUIRED to Sell well-known Proprietary Article to retail shops in Ireland; for cash. Motor carrying stock provided. Must have previous selling and driving experience. Single. Highest character only. Salary and commission. Apply, with testimonials, to Box No. 1572, Irish Times Branch Office, BELFAST.
A FEW smart Travellers Required, resident in or near Chief Towns in Ireland; good income assured any honest worker. Apply Box U [illegible], Irish Times Branch Office, 59 Fleet street, London, E.C. 4.
COAL—Large Firm of Importers, with good connection, require Representative for Midland, Northern and Southern Counties; liberal terms to experienced salesman. Address "Z 626, Representative," this office. 12 E
MANUFACTURERS' Agents require Representative, first class connection North Ireland, take on commission, leading lines, Potted Fish and Meats. Address "Z 642, Agent," this office. 13 F
REQUIRED, well established English Firm to undertake the marketing in the United Kingdom of Household and Toilet Soaps manufactured by important Danish Factory. Write "Soap," c/o Street's, 6 Gracechurch street, London, E.C. 3.
TRAVELLER, commission basis, China, Glass, Earthenware, required; good connection.—E 1101, this office. 13 D
AGENCIES AND SITUATIONS WANTED.
SALESMAN, calling on the principal towns in Ireland, would represent good house on commission basis among Stationers, Chemists or Jewellers. Address "Z 685, Representative," this office. 14 E
TRAVELLER, presently engaged, Teas, Whiskey and Wines; would like to Represent good house.—E 1222, this office.
YOUNG Man, twelve years' experience grocery trade, seeks position as Traveller, South; salary or commission. Address "Z 638, Traveller," this office. 13 F

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

COMPETENT Shorthand Typist seeks position; some experience in legal work; highly recommended both as to character and capabilities; would give one week's service free.—E 902, this office. 12 F
WANTED by Dublin Firm of Solicitors, an experienced Costs Drawer.—E 994, this office. 12 E
WANTED for provincial Solicitor's Office, experienced Managing Assistant capable of taking charge in absence of principal; state salary and send copy testimonials. Address "Z 668, Legal," this office. 13 E
WANTED by Dublin Firm of Solicitors, smart Junior Clerk, experience of Court work, etc., and office routine essential; send copies references.—E 750, this office. X

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

A Qualified Dental Surgeon has vacancy for a Pupil.—E 1051, this office. 13 F
APPRENTICE Wanted to Pharmacy Department in Maguire's Pharmacy, Talbot street, Dublin; fee required. Apply letter only. 12 E
DENTAL Mechanic, having 12 years' experience in gold and vulcanite work, wishes to hear of vacancy; good reference.—E 1033, this office. 13 D
DENTIST Wanted for branch work; give full particulars.—E 1252, this office. 14 B
ELASTIC Stockings, 5/6; Knee Caps, 3/6; Anklets, 2/6, best seamless quality; Rupture Trusses, Hot Water Bottles, etc.; catalogue.—Blake's Medical Stores, 20 Fownes' street, off Dame street, Dublin. 24 17
FULLY Trained Nurse (R.C.) desires case of invalid or position of trust in house, February. Address "Z 665, Nurse," this office. 13 E
FOR Sale, best Nickle Steriliser, Spirit Lamp, almost new, size 9 x 6 x 2; offers.—E 1253, this office.
GENTLEMAN, educated, three years' Pharmacy experience, desires vacancy; Dublin or near; highest references, medical and otherwise. Address "Z 604, Medical," this office.
LADY recommends Nurse Attendant, ex V.A.D., invalid lady or gentleman; six years' hospital experience.—E 1200, this office.
PHARMACEUTICAL Chemist seeks position; long experience; excellent references. Address "Z 622, Chemist," this office. 8 13
PHARMACY for Sale as a going concern, yearly turnover £1,500, Midland, mining district; Hall fully furnished. Applications to "Z 695, Pharmacy," this office. 14 A
PROBATIONER required immediately for Hospital. Address, sending references and stating age, "Z 720, Probationer," this office. 14 F
REGISTERED Druggist, reliable, 9 years' experience, T.T., open to engagement.—Box 935, Irish Times Branch Office, Cork. 13 A
VERY respectable Person would look after invalid or do some housework.—C., 9 Aberdeen square, Bray. 14 E
WANTED, Part Time Berth by Chemist's Assistant; reliable.—E 855, this office. 12 E
WELL educated Youth Wanted as Apprentice in Medical Hall, Dublin suburbs.—E 985, this office. 12 E
WANTED, temporarily, a nice, kindly Woman (outdoor) to Care an Invalid; 25/- per week; state references.—E 1220, this office. 14 E
WANTED, experienced Male Attendant, Protestant, T.T., about 30, for elderly gentleman; country; state wages, references. Address "Z 709, Attendant," this office. 14 A
WANTED, young Girl to attend invalid lady; interview.—R O 1509, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.
WANTED, for R.C. Institution in the country, Woman, with some knowledge of nursing, to take charge of Infirmary and be willing to help generally. Address, stating age and previous experience, "Z 699, Woman," this office. 14 A

TUITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

ALL Professional and University Prelims., Oral and Correspondence. Success list free.—McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Sackville street, Dublin. T
ALL University and Professional Preliminaries—Solicitors', Surgeons', Veterinary, Pharmaceutical Preliminary, University Entrance, Day, Evening, Correspondence Classes.—W. St. George [illegible], 9 Molesworth street, Dublin. 86 T
A Nursery Governess, Lady by birth; excellent references; Protestant. Address "Z 682, Governess," this office. 13 F
ART Classes; Drawing, Painting; Children's Class Saturdays.—Miss O'Kelly, Studio, 22 Nassau street.
CERTIFICATED Governess (R.C.) desires Tuitions; English, French, mathematics, Latin, music.—R O 1495, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 11 D
FIVE Aerials—for the perfect Wireless Station. See the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. F
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TUITIONS CONTINUED.

LADY (Protestant), trained Cheltenham College, children under twelve; usual subjects, French (abroad); needlewoman.—49 Leeson Park. 14 X
NURSERY Governess, R.C., disengaged, desires position, daily; teach first lessons, walk out; experience.—E 1018, this office. 12 E
NURSERY Governess (R.C.) seeks post; excellent teacher of English subjects; very capable with young children; mend, darn; highly recommended.—E 1052, this office. 13 D
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SHORTHAND, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, etc.—Metropolitan College (Gillespie's), 100 Lower Mount street. 'Phone, 3065. T
SECRETARIAL Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, Business Methods; Day and Evening Classes.—Miss Regan's Civil Service and Commercial College, 4 and 5 Nassau street. 10 D
SHORTHAND, Typewriting, Private Tuitions mornings, evenings, afternoons; rapid results.—Murphy, 16 Appian Way. 12 13
TRINITY Graduate Grinds Classics; pupil's or own (Rathmines) residence.—E 984, this office. 12 E
VIOLIN—Thoroughly experienced, recommended Teacher, Lady Professional, Diplomee.—E 944, this office. 12 E
VISITING Governess, R.C., teaches English, French and music; terms 25/- monthly; highly recommended.—E 1154, this office. 14 E
YOUNG Lady, R.C., disengaged end of month, seeks position as Governess; all English subjects, music; highest references. Address "Z 655, Governess," this office. 13 D

GOVERNESSES AND TUTORS WANTED.

AGENT FOR GOVERNESSES AND SCHOOLS Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton st., Dublin. Advises Parents and Managers. Tel. No. 5258. T
DAILY Governess, teach first lessons, good teacher essential, Killiney; good salary to suitable applicant.—E 1074, this office. 13 F
HILLCOURT, Glenageary—Required immediately, Assistant English Mistress, resident or non-resident; Degree or equivalent essential. Application to Principal. 11 D
NURSERY Governess, Catholic, Wanted, South side, child five, afternoons; £2 10/- per month; at present wanted mornings also for about month, extra remuneration.—E 1227, this office.
SUBSTITUTE for J.A.M. required for February and March, for Principal, C.I. National School. Apply to Mrs. Anderson, Clara, Offaly. 10 D
TUTOR required for Dublin College; mainly Latin and Mathematics.—E 1251, this office. 14 A
WANTED, experienced Governess (good salary), three pupils; usual subjects, good music (piano). Send copies, stating particulars, to "Z 636, Governess," this office. 13 D
WANTED, Music Lessons by lady or gentleman.—E 1118, this office. 13 D
WANTED, Piano Lessons, daily, for boy beginner, Sandymount; state lowest terms.—E 1164, this office.
WANTED Lady, teach girl of 8, few hours weekly.—24 Winnett's, Dalkey.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

A RACING Clerk, quick, reliable, seeks situation coming season, inside; good references.—E 1050, this office. 13 F
ACTIVE young Man, small pension, well educated and recommended, willing to undertake any work requiring care and responsibility.—E 1188, this office. 14 A
BOY leaving school seeks Outdoor Work (Protestant); recommended.—154, Irish Times Branch Office, Ranelagh. 12 E
BAR Business—Man, over fifteen years' experience, excellent references; satisfactory reason for changing; will go city or country.—E 1170, this office. 14 E
BOOKKEEPER and General Clerk seeks engagement; 12 years' experience wholesale and retail Spirit Grocery; highest references. Address "Z 593, Bookkeeper," this office. 11 D
CARPENTRY, Painting, Paperhanging, Lettering, Plumbing, Slating, Ranges.—Caretaker, 41 Belgrave square, Monkstown. 12 E
DRESSMAKER, good worker, wants work ladies' houses; recommended.—152, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 13 F
EDUCATED Girl (farmer's daughter), desires post as Companion Help; business or farmer's place, accustomed to the work; highest references. Address "Z 595, Companion," this office. 11 D
ELECTRICIAN, disengaged, open to take on Electric Light or Power Installations; country or town; all branches.—E 937, this office. 12 E
EXPERIENCED Shorthand Typist desires Position; excellent references; moderate salary.—E 1214, this office. 14 A
EX-V.A.D., 7 years' hospital experience, would go as Companion or Attendant; I.C.; shortly disengaged. Address "Z 681, Nurse," this office. 14 E
GENTLEMAN, of large experience, capable organiser, desires position as Manager or Travelling Representative; sound connection throughout Ireland; highest references to first class firms only. Apply E 845, this office. 10 D
HOUSEKEEPER, priest's house preferred; understands all duties; strict T.T.; age 34; highly recommended; or Nurse Attendant.—E 868, this office. 12 D
HOUSEKEEPER, two in family; good references; £26; city. Address "Z 701, Housekeeper," this office. 14 F
HOUSEKEEPER, business house, city; good references; experienced.—E 1138, this office.
JUNIOR Shorthand Typist seeks position; accept small salary to start.—E 1100, this office. 13 D
LADY wishes re-engagement as Housekeeper; excellent references; Protestant. Address "Z 661, Housekeeper," this office. 13 F
LADY Clerk desires position in City Office; knowledge of shorthand, typewriting, etc.; some experience; good references.—E 1209, this office.
LADY recommends young Widow Lady, Protestant, as Housekeeper; beautiful needle worker.—K 68, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 14 A
MOST respectable country Girl wishes situation as Assistant to the Fruit and Sweet Trade; highest references; security.—E 1210, this office.
ROOF and General House Repairs promptly done, reasonable.—Tate, 49 Mountjoy square. 14 A
SHORTHAND Typist, experience motor line, seeks position; thoroughly competent; very good references.—E 803, this office. 10 F
SHORTHAND Typist, experienced, with good knowledge of bookkeeping, desires position; moderate salary.—E 1005, this office. 13 D
SMART, respectable Protestant Girl wishes position, good business house; knowledge shorthand, typewriting, and bookkeeping. Address "Z 648, Typist," this office. 13 F
SUPERIOR Cook Housekeeper, home experience, 44; R.C.; good home, moderate salary; highly recommended. Address "Z 698, Cook Housekeeper," this office. 14 E
WELL educated, refined Lady desires position, would go as Lady Housekeeper in gentleman's house or Lady Secretary. Address "Z 580, Lady," this office. 10 D
WIDOW as Housekeeper, Useful or Mother's Help; good needlewoman; plain cooking.—E 1139, this office.
WELL educated Youth seeks Junior Clerkship; good reference.—E 1197, this office.
YOUNG Lady seeks employment in dairy, bread shop or mill stores; best references.—E 1041, this office. 13 F
YOUNG Lady (25), well bred, good appearance, desires position in shop in city; excellent references; no previous experience.—E 1024, this office. 13 F
YOUNG Man, disengaged, 6 years' experience in bookkeeping, assurance and estate work.—E 1009, this office. 13 D
YOUNG Man, I.C., disengaged, desires Position Trust; 15 years' experience, grocery, tea, coffee business; references.—E 1151, this office. 14 A
YOUNG Lady seeks post as Junior Bookkeeper; six months' experience; very highly recommended; terms moderate. Address "Z 718, Bookkeeper," this office.
YOUNG Lady desires position as Bookkeeper or Cashier; has over two years' experience.—E 1229, this office.

MALE SERVANTS WANTED.

PLOUGHMAN Wanted, experienced man, accustomed to all farm machinery. Apply, giving full particulars, with copies, Kinahan, Moyglare, Maynooth. 13 E
SINGLE Man Wanted, County Tipperary, light Farm Work; good milker, gardening, generally useful. Address "Z 666, Farm," this office. 13 D
WANTED, 1st Feb. in the country, competent Yard and General Man, to milk and do all kinds of work (indoor). Address "Z 472, Man," this office.
WANTED, experienced Butler, good valet; footman kept; country. Full particulars, Mrs. More O'Ferrall, Kildangan, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare. 12 E
WANTED, Single Man or Man and Wife to look after Dublin Dairy Farm; man must milk in summer.—E 1066, this office. 13 D
WANTED, Butler (Protestant); footman kept; wages £60; house for married man if required. Address "Z 673, Butler," this office. 13 E
WANTED, General Man, good gardener and milker; 15/- weekly, indoor.—R O 1508, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.
WANTED, General Farm Hand, milk, drive; nonunion; wages £16 yearly; indoor. Address "Z 690, Man," this office. 14 E

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED

GARDEN Labourer Wanted for Dublin. Particulars and references to F 289, this office. 13 E
GARDENER Wanted, hard working; thoroughly experienced; young; R.C.; single; live indoor. Address "Z 707, Gardener," this office.
LADY Gardener required, South County Dublin; state terms, salary, etc.; copies references.—E 1061, this office. 13 F
WANTED, Gardener, Labourer and Carter, married, small or no family; state wages expected, with free house, garden, firing, and milk. Send copy discharges and full particulars to Corbally, Donadea, Kilcock.
WORKING Farm Steward Wanted, young man, single, good knowledge all farm work, and undertake accounts; board and lodging provided; state wages and age, send copy references. Address "Z 677, Steward," this office. 13 F
WANTED for Bray, Gardener and General Man; must understand vines and milk.—E 1187, this office.

MALE SERVANTS DISENGAGED.

AS General, Butler Valet or Cook, young man wants work; age 24; Protestant. Address "Z 653, Butler," this office. 13 F
BUTLER, disengaged, wishes place as same; Protestant; age 23 years; good references. Address "Z 557, Butler," this office. 10 D
EXPERIENCED Indoor Servant wants situation, age 30, R.C.; would take outdoor work; good discharges. Address "Z 671 Servant," this office. 13 F
GAMEKEEPER Caretaker seeks position; good trapper, shot, and vermin killer; Protestant married; satisfactory discharges. Address "Z 306, Gamekeeper," this office. 10 D
GROOM; care stallions, hunters, foaling mares; train young horses.—Graham, Collinstown, Mullingar. 10 D
GENERAL Man, good plain gardener married; good vegetable grower, good milker, willing and obliging, about gentleman's place; highly recommended.—E 1078, this office. 13 F
GROOM, thoroughly understands care of hunters and bloodstock, breaking.—Corcoran, Athboy, Meath. 14 A
GROOM, thoroughly understands care hunters, light weight, ride well, good strapper, R.C.; highest reference.—G 501, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 14 D
MARRIED Man, disengaged, wants situation Herd and Yardman; can castrate and dishorn; highly recommended.—J. O'Brien, Hobartstown, Castledermot, Co Kildare.
PROTESTANT Man, 12 years' experience on stud farm and hunters, or would go as Caretaker; good knowledge of cattle; married. Address "Z 620, Man," this office. 12 E
SITUATION required as Gamekeeper by keen, energetic man, also understands planting and forestry, the management of gentleman's estate, farming, etc. Address "Z 607, Gamekeeper," this office. 12 F
YOUNG Man, 22; can plough, milk, and do all class of farm work or otherwise; well recommended.—E 1160, this office. 14 E
YARDMAN or General Man, good milker, can drive, dishorn, castrate; I.C.; married; son and daughter able to work; disengaged 13th February; 18 years in present situation, leaving of own free will. Apply William Boothe, Lough Rynn, Mohill, Co. Leitrim.

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED.

EXPERIENCED, skilled Gardener requires constant daily work; 6/8 day. Address "Z 715, Gardener," this office.
GARDENS Renovated and kept in order by day or contract, Kingstown, Blackrock, Dalkey.—E 1067, this office. 13 F
GARDENER, Head Working; experienced all branches; highly recommended; terms.—Morrissey, 3 Allen terrace, Phibsborough.
GARDENER, experienced inside, out; married; state terms; near Dublin preferred. Address "Z 686, Gardener," this office.
GARDENER, T.T.; can milk, can do farm work, make himself generally useful, or care pony; highest reference.—E 1132, this office.
GARDENER (Working) seeks situation; thoroughly experienced, inside and outside; married. Address "Z 722, Gardener," this office. 14 A
GARDENER (Head Working), disengaged, life experience in all branches; Protestant; married, no family; Ulster preferred. Address Box No. 1573, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 14 A
WANTED, situation as Garden Improver for Boy, age 17, Protestant; well recommended. Address Gardener, Ardkeen, Waterford. 13 D
WORKING Land Steward, life experience in stock and tillage; highly recommended. Address J. Lucas, 2 Charleston avenue, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. 13 F
YOUNG Man (Protestant), presently engaged, desires situation, indoor; plain gardening, milk if required; well recommended; Dublin preferred; state wages. Address "Z 682, Man," this office. 14 A

DOMESTICS WANTED.

BETWEENMAID required; smart appearance.—Wilton Nursing Home, Wilton place. 14 E
COOKS, Generals, House Parlourmaids required; send references, state wages.—Windsor Bureau, Edenderry. 13 F
GIRL, strong, Wanted for Housework, daily, in small flat. Apply, stating age, experience and wages expected.—R O 1504, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 13 D
THOROUGHLY reliable Girl Wanted; must have good references; good home; fare paid to London. Apply A. Lobetkin, 127 Virginia road, Shoreditch, London, E 2. 12 E
WANTED, a Protestant Schoolroom Maid for beginning of February, Northern Ireland. Address "Z 579, Maid," this office. 10 D
WANTED, Maid, one lady, country; good dressmaker; well recommended. State age, wages, reference. Mrs. More O'Ferrall, Kildangan, Monasterevan, Co. Kildare. 12 E
WANTED for Sandymount, Daily Maid; plain cooking, washing; state wages, give copy reference.—E 1212, this office.
WANTED, several good Cook Generals, House Parlourmaids, good Nurses.—Mulpeter's, 11 South Anne street. 12 o'clock.
WANTED, 1st February, Country Girl, I.C., help housework, milk 1 cow; small family; good home; reference, age, wages.—Mrs. Smith, Greenfields, Swords, Co. Dublin.
WANTED, a capable Woman, under 40, to help with toy dogs and fowl; must be well recommended; good home to suitable person.—Miss Woods, Greenmount, Clonsilla.

VACANCIES FOR SERVANTS.
There are many vacancies in the REGISTRY of the "Irish Times" for all classes of Trained and Untrained Servants. Good wages offered. No fees charged. MATRON can recommend comfortable Homes where Servants can stay while waiting for situations. T

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

A RELIABLE Cook General required at once; good reference essential; wages £45; fare paid. Write full particulars to Mrs. Plowman, Fair Croft, Sylvan avenue, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7. 8 9
COOK General Wanted, Irish Free State; housemaid and nurse kept. Apply Lomas, Ashtead, Surrey, England. 11 D
COOK General; £40; comfortable home; good outings.—11 Heath Drive, Hampstead, N.W. 3. 11 D
COOK (Protestant) required; state age, send copies.—Lady Coote, Palermo, Killiney. 12 E
COOK General Wanted for near Glasgow; good wages; experience and good references essential.—Mrs. Robert Laidlaw, Somerton, Castlehead. 13 F
COOK General Wanted; Girl who has been General would suit; two in family; city; state age and wages expected.—E 1113, this office. 13 D
COOK General Wanted for Blackrock; ten minutes from tram; house parlourmaid and man kept; £30. 384, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock.
GOOD Plain Cook Wanted February 10th; wages £40 to £45; three servants kept. Apply Mrs. Spiller, Skeffington Vale, Billesdon, Leicester. 13 D
REQUIRED for country, February 9th, good Plain Cook, to manage small dairy; also Parlourmaid, trained or untrained. Apply, with recent reference, stating wages expected, and age, Cooper, Killenure, Dundrum, Tipperary. 14 A
SUBURBS of Belfast—An R.C. family require a competent Cook General, nice smart appearance; interview Dublin.—E 1211, this office. 14 A
WANTED, good Cook, singlehanded, small country house, February 1st; enclose copies references.—Box 834, Irish Times Branch Office, Cork. 12 E
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WANTED, for Co Roscommon, a respectable, steady Catholic Girl, to do plain cooking and housework. Address, enclosing copies references and stating age and wages expected, to "Z 639, Girl," this office. 13 D
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WANTED, good Cook, February 2nd; two in family, Palmerston Park.—R O 1503, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 13 D
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WANTED, good Plain Cook, young; also Parlourmaid; both understanding duties.—E 1192, this office.
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INCORPORATED DENTAL HOSPITAL OF IRELAND.

The Governors of the Incorporated Dental Hospital of Ireland held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, 6th January, 1925. W. Cotter Stubbs, M.D., R.U.I. (Chairman), presided. Also present:—Henry J. Monahan, Esq., K.C., Vice-Chairman; Sir John J. Moore, M.D., J.P., Eagle Hand, Esq.; Cecil Nolan Tarrell, Esq., J.P., Lennox Robinson, Esq.; W. Houghton Gill, Esq., R.A.; Murray F. Simpson, Esq., M.D., Edward Sheridan, Esq., F.R.C.S.I.; J. L. Rogers, L.D.S., Dean of the School; and George Sheppard, F.R.C.S.I., Hon. Secretary.

The usual routine business was transacted, and cheques were drawn and signed for payment of accounts due.

The Governors gratefully acknowledge the following subscriptions since their last meeting:—

£5 5/—The Kildare Street Club.
£5 5/—The Dublin United Tramways Provident Fund.
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10/6 each—Miss F. A. Goodman Messrs. R. T. Barratt, Ltd.

The Hospital is urgently in need of funds. Further subscriptions and donations to reduce the large overdraft at the bank would be gratefully acknowledged by George F. Moore, M.D., L.D.S., Hon. Treasurer.

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

HAPPY AND UNHAPPY WOMEN.

HAPPINESS! Can any human being undertake to define it for another? I fear not. The inevitable conclusion we must come to is that in this world happiness is quite indefinable.

Happy and unhappy women—the adjectives being applied less with reference to position than to character, which is the only mode of judgment possible—to judge them and discourse of them is a very difficult matter at best. Yet I am afraid it cannot be doubted that there is a great average of unhappiness existent among women: not merely unhappiness of circumstances, but unhappiness of soul—a state of being often as unaccountable as it is irrational, finding vent in those innumerable faults of temper and of character which arise from no inherent vice, but merely because the individual is not happy.

Why is this, and is it inevitable? Anyone who could in the smallest degree answer this question would be doing something to the lessening of a great evil—greater than many other evils which, being social and practical, show more largely on the aggregate census of woman's woe.

How often do we see many a young woman who has, outwardly speaking, "everything she can possibly want," absolutely withering in the atmosphere of a loveless home, exposed to those small ill-humours by which people mean no harm—only do ill; chilled by reserve, wounded by neglect, or worried by anxiety over some thoughtless one who might so easily have spared her it all; safe from either misfortune or ill-treatment, yet harassed daily by petty pains and unconscious cruelties, which a stranger might laugh at; and she laughs herself when she counts them up, they are so small—yet they are there.

"I can bear anything," said a woman to me recently—a woman no longer very young or very fascinating or particularly clever, who had gone through seas of sorrow, yet her blue eyes still kept the dewiness and cheerfulness of their youth: "I can bear anything except unkindness."

Another element of unhappiness incalculable in its influence over those of sensitive and delicate physical organisation is order.

Anyone who has just quitted a disorderly household, where the rooms are untidy, where meals take place at any hour and in any fashion, where there is a general atmosphere of noise, confusion and irregularity of doing things at all times and seasons, or not doing anything in particular all day over; who, emerging from this, drops into a quiet, busy, regular family, where each has an appointed work, and does it. Oh! what a paradise it seems!

Order is Heaven's first law,

and a mind without order can by no possibility be either a healthy or a happy mind.

There is another maxim—easy to give and hard to practise—Accustom yourself to look at the bright side of things, and never make a fuss about trifles. It is pitiful to see what mere nothings some women will worry and fret over—lamenting as much over an ill-made grown as others do over a lost fortune.

Let us pity then the unhappy, and strive with all our power to lift them out of their grief, even when they hug it, and refuse to be lifted out of it. Human life is so full of pain that once past the youthful delusion that a sad countenance is interesting and an incurable woe the most delightful thing possible, the mind instinctively turns where it can get rest and cheer and sunshine. And the friend who can bring to it the largest portion of these is, of a natural necessity, the most useful and the most dear.

The happy woman you will easily recognise the moment she crosses your path, not by her extreme liveliness, but by a sense of brightness and cheerfulness that enters with her—as an evening sunbeam across your drawingroom floor. She may be neither handsome nor entertaining, yet somehow she makes you feel "comfortable," because she is so comfortable herself. She may have even less than the medium lot of earthly blessings; yet all she has she enjoys to the full, and it is so pleasant to see anyone enjoy! Her sorrows she neither denies nor escapes; they come to her naturally and wholesomely, and, passing over, leave her full of compassion for all who may have to endure the same.

G. G.

HELPS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

HOUSEHOLD equipment can boast of many new and interesting additions, and as these are designed to help the housewife with her many tasks they are worth her attention.

For the kitchen the pressure cooker is an important item of equipment. In this vessel food can be cooked in half as much time and with the use of one-third the amount of fuel usually employed in cooking. Moreover, four different kinds of food can be cooked in the one utensil without fear of the flavours intermingling. The cooking is done under compressed steam, which raises the temperature of the interior of the cooker to 47 degrees above water boiling point. The cooker is quite simple in operation, durable, and easy to keep clean.

Equally helpful is a set of square aluminium saucepans, which, by virtue of their shape, can be placed close together on the stove, and do not, therefore, require much fuel or stove space. The corners of these pans are carefully rounded, so there is no difficulty about the cleaning.

For egg cookery a very excellent little egg steamer has been designed. The hot water is placed at the bottom of the pan, and each egg is slipped into a cup-shaped hollow in an upper compartment. The eggs are cooked in three-four minutes, and the result is much more attractive and tasty than the ordinary poached egg which has been immersed in water.

The troubles of frying are greatly diminished by the appearance of a new type of frying pan. This is in two parts, a bowl-shaped utensil, in which the fat is placed, and an outer frame lined with asbestos into which the bowl fits. When the pan is placed over the gas the flame is drawn up inside the outer frame of the pan, and brought into direct and concentrated contact with the bowl. As a result the heat is greatly increased, and the frying is done in very much less time. With this pan a chicken can be fried to perfection in six minutes! and potatoes, fritters, etc., in from two to three minutes.

For other parts of the house there are also new devices, one of the best being a flexible spring casement curtain rod, which adjusts itself to any window whatever the shape or size, and when in position remains taut. This is most convenient and saves much time and trouble.

MARY GWENNE HOWELL.

FLOOR STAINING.

MANY housekeepers fail to make staining a success when using a water-stain foundation. The secret is to boil the size, water and colour powder well, and when you have decided upon the required shade, lay it on hot with a fairly large brush—a flat one, for choice. It will dry rapidly, and the wood is ready for varnish, which should be the best quality copal.

Before the stain is laid on, see that the floor is perfectly clean and smooth; then paint evenly as possible, never on any account brushing across the grain. Stir the stain constantly, and heat up according as it is inclined to cool.

It should never be thick or dark enough to hide the beauty of the natural grain of the timber, or it will look more like inferior painting than proper staining.

Amongst the powders in general use, some of the best are—Brown and Turkey umber for oak stain, yellow ochre (refined) for satin stain. Lime green for fumed oak, for mahogany Venetian red, with a very slight dash of brown umber, answers well. However, you can only reach the desired shade by trying it on a separate piece of wood before starting your work.

With all powder-paint size must be dissolved in the water and all brought to the boil.

In the spring-cleaning period we find many of our stained floors worn in places. Any of the powders already mentioned mixed in small quantities with copal varnish, to which a little spirit of turps has been added, will, when well shaken together, make the floors as good as new.

Some people prefer a firm wad of cotton material to a brush, as they say the stain can be rubbed in more evenly and a clearer surface obtained.

Ash or other white timber can be made to look very well by this process, only an expert being able to distinguish it from Dantzic oak. After this latter process the wood may be either French polished or varnished, so little trace of the powder remains on the surface.

E. L. T.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

WAKEFIELD.—Very large supplies, with a steady, firm trade. English best 11/6 to 11/-, and secondary 10/d. to 11/-; fat cows and bulls 9/d. to 9/6d. Irish single 10/d., small bogs same price; lb., medium 1/6, large 1/4 to 1/5, cows 10/d. to 10/6, Crow 11/-, bogs 9/d. to 9/6d.

EDINBURGH.—Good show of sheep and cattle, and good sale. Halfbred hoggs 70/- to 82/-, ewes to 65/-, dowa, hoggs 70/- to 75/-; black faced wethers to 62/-, 10/- coloured to 52/-, stirks to 42/6 to 47/-, cows to £45 10/-.

GLASGOW.—Larger supply of cattle forward; trade for best qualities about steady, others slower. Sheep and lambs a good shade; trade fair for all classes. Top Scotch cattle 52/- per cwt., current 52/- to 57/-; hoggs 1/6 to 1/8 per lb., Diamonds 1/5 to 1/6.

GRAIN.

MARK LANE CORN.—Quiet conditions prevailed at the mid-week markets, only a small extent of business passing. Prices were firm for breadstuffs, but feeders generally the turn easier. WHEAT quiet but prices firm. Arg. Barley 5/- to 5/3, Arg. Maize 4/- to 4/2, Arg. Oats 4/- to 4/2, No. 2 hard winter 69/-, choice white Kansas 66/-, all Feb./March shipment. Oats 31/6 to 34/6 per qr. for Irish, FLOUR steady at the recent decline. Danish 90/- to 92/6, Canadian 94/- to 96/-, Hungarian 94/- to 96/- per sack, delivered in London with 2/- per sack, delivered in London with 2/- per sack allowed for bags. Maize 4/- to 4/2 per qr., quietly; Minneapolis 82/- to 84/- and Australian 80/- to 82/-, BARLEY easy at 5/- to 5/3 per qr. for Irish. Oats 31/6 to 34/6 per qr. for Irish.

LIVERPOOL.—American and Argentine cables failed to be helpful, and a steady decline in deliveries of WHEAT here, after being the turn dearer on Monday, resulted in a further fall of 1d. per qr. on setbacks in sterling exchange, but with recovery in the latter, the demand and easier afternoon cables caused a rally of 1d. per qr. on the day, and 2d. on the finish. Old parcels Australian January-10/d., February-March 46/6 per qr. Argentine, choice white January-February 44/-, to Manchester. CAT steady. Irish Feed, January-February sold 46/6, and February-March 46/6 per qr. Wheat on the spot quiet at about previous rates. Maize easy, parcels Argentine steamer at 9/7 to 9/7½, but Australian unchanged at 9/9 to 9/10 per cental. FLOUR firm at unchanged prices. Oats very firm, closing 1d. per cental over the day. Barley quiet and unchanged. Beans and peas quiet and unchanged.

GLASGOW.—Wheat very firm, but buyers decline to trade at present level prices. No. 1 Manitoba 74/9 January, Australian unchanged, Maize 4/- to 4/1 January. Oats very firm, but quiet, supply small and prices firm. Flour again higher, but advance checks business.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—Irish and Danish BACON continues firm and in fair request at late prices. Canadian Wiltshires, however, remain quiet, and prices are further reduced to 90/- to 100/-, heavy weights being most affected. Irish and Canadian Hams are in moderate request and quiet, with the recent liberal arrivals of Irish Hams now available for sale. Lard is in fair demand for most cuts, mixed Argentine and Canadian reduced 2/- to 2/6 per cwt., Irish Compounds 1/- to 2/- per cwt., heavy weights 95/- to 97/- per cwt., light 100/- to 102/-. Irish Cumberland Cuts 102/- to 105/-, Irish Shoulders 90/- to 92/-, new Yorks, with pasing still scarce and wanted, 110/- to 112/-, Canadian Backs 110/- to 112/-, Irish Hams 120/- to 130/-, Irish Middles 100/- to 110/-, Irish Long Cuts 104/- to 106/-, Irish Rolls 100/- to 102/-, Irish Clearsides and New Yorks, with pasing still scarce and wanted, 110/- to 112/-, Canadian Backs 110/- to 112/-, Irish Hams 120/- to 130/-, Irish Middles 100/- to 110/-, Irish Long Cuts 104/- to 106/-, Irish Rolls 100/- to 102/-, Irish Clearsides and

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RELIEF OF DISTRESS.

TERMS OF £45,000 GRANT TO DUBLIN.

The Secretary to the Free State Ministry of Local Government (Roads Department) has written to the Dublin Borough Commissioners stating that the Minister for Finance has authorised the allocation of £45,000 to Dublin for the relief of unemployment in the city during the period ending 31st March, 1925, subject to the following conditions:—(1) Cost of materials to be provided by the Commissioners; (2) scheduled works to be brought to completion by the Commissioners; (3) rates of wages not to exceed those normally paid on relief works; (4) special claims of ex-National Army men to be considered; and (5) unexpended balance of grant to revert to Exchequer on 1st April, 1925. An undertaking to comply with conditions (1) and (2) is required, together with detailed plans, specifications, estimates, and particulars of the proposed works.

The letter will be considered by the Commissioners at a meeting on Saturday. The Commissioners will also consider a letter from the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government, stating that the Minister is prepared to give provisional approval, for a period of one year, to a draft scheme for promoting the welfare of the blind in Dublin, submitted by Commissioner Dr. Dwyer, subject to (1) the addition of a scale of augmentation of wages of outdoor workers attached to institutions; (2) the inclusion of a clause respecting cases in which contributions payable for inmates of homes, etc., are insufficient for the purposes of the regulations governing the grant; and (3) the insertion of provision regarding payments made by the Commissioners to approved institutions during the year ending 31st March, 1925.

The report on housing to be laid before the meeting states that preparations are now being made for building on the Croydon Park section of the Marino housing area, the vacant land in Keogh Barracks area, and the vacant land adjoining the Greenville avenue boundary of the Fairbrothers' Fields area. In addition, the conversion of the North Union into buildings is under consideration. The number of new dwellings to be erected (apart from the number which may accrue from the contemplated conversion of the North Dublin Union) is about 1,200.

CUMANN NA nGAEDHEAL.

ROSCOMMON ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Cumann na nGaedheal Organisation Committee was held recently in the Harrison Hall, Roscommon. All parts of the county were represented. Districts were assigned to three organisers, who were instructed to report weekly to headquarters in Dublin and also to the local County Organisation Committee. Steps were taken to have a house-to-house canvass made in every district in the county, and to have collections made at the same time.

Satisfactory accounts were given by organisers and by members to the effect that scores of willing workers were forthcoming now where few active workers could be secured at the last election. Arrangements were made for sectional meetings of various parties whose interests are bound up with the return of the Treaty candidate. A public meeting was arranged for Strokestown at 12 o'clock on Sunday, 18th inst., at which Messrs. Hogan, Blythe, and Walsh will speak.

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DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

KILDARE MURDER.

EVIDENCE ABOUT AN ARMY MOTOR CAR.

(Before Mr. Collins, K.C.)

James Murray, an ex-captain of the Free State Army, was charged on remand with the wilful murder of Joseph Bergin, a military policeman, in Co. Kildare on the 12th December, 1923. It was stated that a witness would have to be got from outside the jurisdiction, and the prisoner was again remanded. He was removed under an armed military escort to Mountjoy, and will be brought up in the Court again next Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. Costello (instructed by Mr. O'Flaherty, of the State Solicitor's Department), prosecuted, and Mr. P. H. O'Reilly, solicitor, defended.

Colonel Costello, Director of Intelligence, National Army, said that he knew Bergin slightly. In November, 1923, certain information brought the dead soldier under his notice. He had reason to believe that Bergin was engaged in illicit communication with the irregulars and with prisoners in Tintown Camp, and on December 13 he directed Captain Murray to go to the Curragh to investigate the matter and interview Bergin. The witness and Captain Murray went to the transport yard, and he told Driver Cleary that Captain Murray required his car that night for "a special job" and would drive the car himself.

Next morning, at about 7 o'clock, Murray came into the witness's room. The witness asked how he got on, and he said that he did very well and secured a number of important documents. The witness told him to make a report to him on the matter during the day, but he never got any report. That evening he heard that Bergin had been shot. The accused man was dismissed from the Army in March, 1924.

Cross-examined—He did not ask the driver, Cleary, for a report on the matter. He heard on December 17, 1923, that there were blood stains on the car which Captain Murray drove, but he did not examine it.

Mr. O'Reilly—Was any money paid to the accused since the murder? None whatever.

Did you endorse any cheques for the prisoner after the murder? No.

Were you asked to make a report about this matter? I was.

And did you make it?

Mr. Costello objected on the plea of privilege.

Mr. Collins said he did not think that such a document was privileged.

In reply to Mr. Costello, the witness said that he made a report to the Chief of Staff.

Chief Superintendent Brennan, Civic Guards, said that a week after the murder he took over possession of the car from Sergeant O'Leary at the Civic Guard Depot. The car had remained in his charge since.

James Kelly, a ticket collector on the Great Southern and Western Railway, employed at Kildare, stated that he saw the prisoner at the Railway Hotel, Kildare, between 8 and 8.15 p.m. on the day of the murder. He had no doubt that it was the prisoner whom he saw. He was wearing a black overcoat and a tweed cap. He was accompanied by a tall man. The witness thought that he saw Murray at the station some time afterwrds standing in the dark. The night mail train from Dublin was due about that time.

Cross-examined by Mr. O'Reilly—He knew the accused, who had once arrested a friend of his on suspicion of being implicated in the burning of the booking office at Kildare Station.

Sergeant Patrick Nolan said that he was in charge of the mess at the Curragh Barracks in 1923, and that he saw the prisoner in the dining hall between 9.30 and 10.15 o'clock on the night of December 13. The prisoner was then remanded.

ALLEGED RESCUE PLOT.

Noel Moore, Marlborough street, and Michael Kavanagh, Georgina cottages, Ballybough road, were returned for trial to the next Circuit Court on a charge of being in unlawful possession of arms and conspiring to effect the rescue from Mountjoy of a prisoner named MacNamara.

A new charge was preferred against Moore—of being in possession of fourteen Army revolver cleaning outfits.

Evidence was given as to the finding of the outfits under the prisoner's bed at his residence.

Mr. D. O'Flaherty, solicitor, prosecuted. Mr. P. J. Campbell, solicitor, appeared for Moore. Kavanagh was not professionally represented.

LICENSING PROSECUTIONS.

William O'Dwyer, publican, Irwin street, was fined £2 for a breach of the licensing regulations.

A police witness said that on hearing voices in the defendant's premises twelve minutes after closing hour on Sunday, December 7, last, he entered and found four men with drinks before them on the counter. They said that they did not think it was so late.

Mr. H. Burton, solicitor, who defended, said that the men were told to leave before 5 o'clock, and no drink was served after that hour.

A fine of £2 was imposed on John Phelan, Werburgh street, for a similar offence.

A police sergeant said that he found three men on the premises after hours and questioned them. The men said that they were Bona fide travellers and came from Wexford to see a football match. The witness knew one or two of them by appearance, and said: "You are not from Wexford, anyhow."

It was stated on behalf of the defendant that certain of the men produced railway tickets showing that they had come from Wexford.

SIX MONTHS FOR FRAUD.

Sentence of six months' imprisonment was passed on Michael Kelleher, whose address was given as Iveagh House, for obtaining money from the Rev. Canon Thompson, St. Catherine's Rectory, by pretending that he was collecting to buy nets for fishermen, and also a Christmas box for the Dublin lamplighters. There was a further charge of obtaining eggs from a trader in Queen street by presenting a cheque which he found in the Cattle Market, and which belonged to Mr. Rowe, of Dunboyne, Co. Meath.

TRADE UNIONISTS' SQUABBLE.

John Dempsey and Bernard Costello, officials of the Workers' Union of Ireland, were remanded on bail, charged with assaulting William Venard and George Spain, officials of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, in College street last Tuesday.

Mr. Venard stated that he and Mr. Spain visited the premises of Messrs. David Allen and Co., Brunswick street, where there was a strikers' picket on duty. They had left the building and were walking along College street when the two accused men attacked them. Costello struck the witness and Dempsey singled out Spain, and there was a "stand-up" fight between them. Afterwards the witness had to get a stitch over his left eye.

Mr. Spain said that Dempsey knocked him down and kicked him in the back when he rose.

IMPURE MILK.

(Before Mr. Cussen.)

George Smith, Jamestown, Finglas, was fined £1 for selling new milk which was deficient of 20 per cent. of its fats. The defence was that the milk was sold as it came from the cows.

RATHDRUM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Rathdrum District Council, at its meeting on Monday last, passed, by nine votes to one, a resolution calling on Mr. C. M. Byrne, T.D., to resign the position of Chairman of the Council because of his failure to vote against the bill which proposed to abolish Rural District Councils, when the subject came before Dail Eireann.

Mr. J. Byrne, Ballinderry, proposed the resolution. He asked what was the necessity for abolishing Rural Councils? He had waited meeting after meeting to see their Chairman, but he had not come to say. When that Council had passed a resolution against the abolition of councils, two of the T.D.'s for the county did not attend, while Mr. Byrne voted for the bill.

Mr. O'Neill (Kilcloran) seconded the motion.

The Chairman (Mr. L. Murphy) suggested adjourning the motion to the next meeting, and serving notice; but Mr. Byrne said that he would move his expulsion if he did not put it to the meeting.

The resolution was passed.

The King of Spain has left Madrid for the Province of Cordova, where he will take part in a shooting expedition.

YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

THE HEARING OF APPEALS.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice O'Connor and Mr. Justice FitzGibbon.)

The arguments concluded in the matter of an arbitration between Martin Lynch, of Clogher, Bruree, County Limerick, applicant, and the Limerick County Council, respondents, under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, on an appeal brought by the Co. Council from an award made by Judge MacElligott, K.C., in the Circuit Court, Limerick, No. 7.

It appeared that the applicant had been employed by the County Council in breaking stones for the roads, and had met with an accident resulting in the loss of his left eye, which was struck by a stone or "spawl," at Hovardstown on 28th June last. Application was made on his behalf under the Workmen's Compensation Act to the Circuit Court for compensation for the personal injuries sustained; and Judge MacElligott, holding that the applicant was a workman within the meaning of the Act, awarded him compensation at the rate of 16s. a week until further order. The County Council appealed to the Supreme Court, and sought to have the award set aside.

The arguments were directed almost entirely to the question of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court to entertain the appeal, having regard to the provisions of the Courts of Justice Act, 1924. On behalf of the applicant it was contended that an appeal did not lie to the Supreme Court in such cases under the circumstances, and that the appeal should be taken under Section 61 of the Courts of Justice Act, 1924, to the new tribunal of two Judges of the High Court.

The Court now held unanimously that the Supreme Court had no jurisdiction to hear the appeal, and that under the 61st section all such appeals under the Workmen's Compensation Act must now go to the High Court Tribunal of two judges mentioned. The appeal was accordingly dismissed; no order was made with regard to costs.

Mr. J. M. Fitzgerald, K.C., and Mr. John Bartley (instructed by Mr. Phillip K. O'Sullivan), appeared for the County Council, the appellants; and Mr. Michael Comyn, K.C., and Mr. James J. Comyn (instructed by Mr. Roger Fox), for the applicant and respondent.

DELIVERY OF TIMBER CARGOES.

CUSTOM OF DUBLIN PORT.

(Before Mr. Justice Meredith.)

The adjourned case of Artiebolaget Transmarin v. McNaughton and Sons, Ltd., was listed. The action was brought by the plaintiffs, a Swedish firm, against the defendants, a Dublin firm, to recover £155 odd for balance of freight, alleged to be due for a cargo of deals and other goods carried in the plaintiffs' vessel from Sundswall to Dublin in 1923, under a charter party, and for work and labour done, and money paid for the defendants at their request.

The case came before his lordship the previous day on summonses taken out by the plaintiffs for further and better discovery of documents on the part of the defendants, and for an order fixing the time and mode of trial of the action, which, it was stated, raised an important question in reference to the custom of the Port of Dublin with regard to the shipping of timber.

Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., and Mr. Vaughan Wilson (instructed by Messrs. Carson and McDowell) appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Serjeant Hanna, K.C., Mr. Dockrell, K.C., and Mr. Sainsbury (instructed by Mr. M. Good) for the defendants.

Mr. Justice Meredith said that he had adjourned the case until that day so that he might have an opportunity of fully considering the question as to the desirability of having a jury. Under Section 94 of the Courts of Justice Act, 1924, it was in his discretion to consider whether or not a jury was necessary or desirable for the proper trial of the action. The policy of that section was to restrict the right to a jury, and he considered that in this case a proper trial could better be had by a judge without a jury. If he tried the case without a jury, the Supreme Court would have before them, if the case went to them on appeal, a full note of all the evidence given, and he considered that, on the whole, that would be most in the interests of justice. He further considered that the interests of jurymen were also to be considered, and that their services in a case like this should not be requisitioned unless there was some positive reason for so doing. This was not a case in which both sides asked for a jury: the application for a jury was opposed by the plaintiffs. He accordingly fixed the case for trial without a jury on the 24th of March.

Mr. Serjeant Hanna submitted that this was a case in which there should be a jury, and said that they would appeal from the order.

DANGEROUS RAM OR PET LAMB?

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

(Before Mr. Justice Murnaghan.)

In the case in which Charles J. Lord, retired bank agent, of Dunboden Park, Mullingar, sought an interlocutory injunction against Patrick McDonnell, of the same place, restraining him, his servants and agents from trespassing on the lands of Dunboden Park, Mullingar, and from molesting the plaintiff, his servants and agents of the lands and premises, which he held under agreement from the defendant, Mr. Sainsbury (instructed by Messrs. John Clark and Co.), who appeared for the plaintiff, referred to his client's affidavit, which alleged against the defendant that he locked the gate of the avenue leading to the plaintiff's residence; that he put a dangerous ram on the land adjoining the avenue, which attacked the plaintiff several times, and refused to remove it; and that he put a bull on the land, so that the plaintiff was afraid to pass up and down the avenue.

The defendant, in a replying affidavit, denied knowledge of the avenue gate having been locked against the plaintiff. He stated that it was untrue that he put a dangerous ram on the land adjoining the avenue, and said that he had a pet lamb grazing on the land, which adjoined the road. The lamb was aged six months, and was accustomed to be fed by the herd's wife. It was not dangerous and never attacked anybody. The defendant removed it when the plaintiff complained about it.

Mr. Justice Murnaghan—Is there any difference of opinion as to the age of this animal?

Mr. Geoghegan (instructed by Messrs. Downes and Co.), who appeared for the defendant, said that it was twenty-three months since the lamb was removed, and an injunction was sought now about the lamb, which was probably eaten months ago.

The defendant, in his affidavit, also stated that it was untrue that he put a bull on the lands. Amongst some cattle which he took in was a young bull, which was perfectly quiet and never interfered with anyone. It was on the lands for about a month and was then sold.

Mr. Sainsbury agreed that the motion should be dealt with as if it was the trial of the action.

Mr. Justice Murnaghan granted an injunction restraining the defendant from interfering with the plaintiff in his egress and regress of the lands and premises, but gave no injunction in regard to trespass.

THE DUBLIN STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

ACTION AGAINST RAILWAY COMPANY.

In the matter of the winding up of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, Mr. Poole (instructed by Mr. J. P. Ringwood) applied on behalf of the liquidator for liberty to proceed with the action against the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company, seeking a declaration in connection with the receipts of the City of Dublin Junction Railways, in the name of the company in liquidation, against the new amalgamated company, in which the liabilities of the Dublin and South-Eastern Company are now vested—the Great Southern Railways Company.

Mr. Justice Murnaghan granted the application.

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A CYCLIST'S INJURIES.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE.

(Before Mr. Justice Sullivan.)

The action for damages for personal injuries and other loss, brought by George E. A. Verso, bookkeeper, Hillsboro', 65 Sandymount avenue, Dublin, against Charles Scott, commission agent, Ivanhoe, Rutland road, Bray, was resumed yesterday, before Mr. Justice Sullivan and a jury.

The plaintiff alleged that the injuries and loss which he sustained were caused by the defendant and his servants when driving a motor car on Northumberland road, Dublin, on the 11th July last.

The defendant denied negligence, and, further, that the injuries arose from inevitable accident.

After an hour and a half's consideration, the jury failed to agree, and they were discharged.

Mr. Serjeant Hanna, K.C., Mr. Wood, K.C., and Mr. H. Hughes (instructed by Mr. W. J. Keery), appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Lynch, K.C., Mr. Fitzgerald, K.C., and Mr. F. Sherry (instructed by Mr. James Fagan), for defendant.

A BRAY LETTING.

TENANT'S CLAIM DISALLOWED

(Before Mr. Justice O'Shaughnessy.)

George R. Goodfellow, 4 Morehampton road, Donnybrook, brought an action to recover possession of the dwelling-house and premises "Atlanta," Novara avenue, Bray, which were held from the plaintiff by P. J. Foley as tenant at a yearly rent of £45 a year.

The plaintiff's case was that defendant owed him over a year's rent. The house had been originally let to a Mr. Brown, who went to Australia before his term in the house came to an end. Mr. Foley agreed to take possession for the remainder of Brown's term, and entered into an agreement that he would hand up the house in good repair and order, there being no covenant by the landlord to keep the premises in repair. Foley paid rent up to 1st March, 1925, less a sum of £5 15s., but had paid no rent since, and counter-claimed for a sum of £60, £47 of which was for a new range.

The defence was a denial that there was a year's rent due, and, if there was any rent due, the defendant was entitled to set it off by the repairs which he executed to the house at the request of plaintiff, which were absolutely necessary owing to ordinary wear and tear, and for which the landlord was entirely responsible.

The jury, by direction, found for plaintiff on the counter-claim, which was dismissed, with costs, and an order was made for the possession of the house.

Mr. Dockrell, K.C., and Mr. Sainsbury (instructed by Dr. Good) appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Dickie, K.C., and Mr. Hughes (instructed by Mr. A. E. Killingly) for defendant.

DUBLIN CIRCUIT COURT.

OLD WOMAN'S HOARD.

"FEARED THE GERMANS WOULD WIN THE WAR."

(Before Judge Dromgoole.)

The disposal of an old woman's hoard of gold, silver and notes came before the Court on the application of Mrs. Teresa Kennedy, daughter of Dora Wilson, deceased, of 2 Rainsford avenue (off Thomas's court), who sought a declaration that the money, which amounted to £431, represented the deceased's assets for the purposes of administration and distribution.

The defendant, Michael Wilson, a son of the deceased, resisted the application on the grounds that the money found in his mother's house was his property and did not form any part of her assets.

The plaintiff, who is the administratrix of the deceased, averred in her application that her mother died intestate on the 13th August, 1924. The defendant had in his possession the £431, which belonged to his mother.

Mr. Charles Casey (instructed by Messrs. Roger Greene and Sons) appeared for the plaintiff, and stated that when the old lady died it was thought that she had no property, and subsequently in her room was found £91 in gold, £253 in silver and £100 in notes.

Mrs. Teresa Kennedy told how she and her brother went to a cabinet in her mother's room after the funeral and found £253 in silver. The coins were discoloured with age. The balance of the money, £431, was in a box under the bed, and witness took it to her own home in a bag. Her brother said that their mother got the money from her uncle in 1916.

The defendant gave evidence that after his father's death his mother was in poor circumstances, and had to go to work as an office cleaner (laughter). However, she had a pension of 7s. a week. He had worked as a fitter for the past eighteen years, and was employed by firms in Ireland, England and the United States. He was in New York, from 1912 to 1914, he saved £87, and he sent it to his mother to keep for him. He also gave her £3 10s. a week for three years to keep for him when he was working in a shell factory, and he would not be able to say how much she had spent.

His lordship—Where is the money now?—At home in my room.

Mr. Gleeson—Why did not you bring it to the bank?—I was going to when I got the letter from Mr. Greene.

The Judge said that he would not deal with the case until the money was lodged in the bank.

The defendant agreed to do this, and the further hearing of the case was adjourned.

Mr. W. J. Gleeson (instructed by Mr. A. S. Armstrong) defended.

COURT "DOWRIES."

An eighteen years old girl, who applied for payment of £20 out of funds to her credit in Court, said that she wanted the money to get married.

The Judge—But are you quite sure you are getting married?

"Oh! yes, I am," replied the applicant.

His Lordship—Well, I will order payment to Mr. McDowell, your solicitor.

Mr. J. Moran, solicitor, asked Mr. McDowell, amidst laughter, if he would give the bride away.

Sir George Fottrell—Don't give the money away, whatever you do. (Laughter.)

Another bride-to-be applied for a "Court dowry" of £25, but Sir George, remarking that "hope springs eternal in the human breast," told her there was only £18 available.

DUBLIN POLICE TREATY PENSIONERS.

COLONIAL OFFICE AND REGISTRATION.

The Honorary Secretary of the Dublin Metropolitan Police Treaty Pensioners' Association on the 30th of October, 1924, wrote to the Colonial Office asking to have registered at that Office particulars of such members of the Association as have accepted the Treaty option to retire on pension, with added service, and have had their pensions fixed.

Mr. Amery's reply states:—

"As you are no doubt aware, actions have been started in the High Court of the Irish Free State for declarations that certain of these pensions have been wrongly determined. Pending a decision on these appeals, which will govern a large number of cases, it is not considered worth while for the lists to be prepared and sent to this country.

"Mr. Amery has, however, received an assurance from the Free State authorities that as soon as the pensions have been finally determined the lists will be prepared and sent to London for record, as desired by your Association."

ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE.

Joseph Martin has been remanded for a week at Longford on a charge of the attempted murder of Patrick Farrell, Gurteengar, Lanesborough. He was allowed bail of £300 and two sureties of £150 each.

Shackleton's famous ship, the Quest, has been chartered by a Norwegian travel bureau to take two hunting expeditions to the Arctic this summer

"AXE" AT DUBLIN UNION.

DEMAND REDUCED BY OVER £27,000.

HOPE FOR RATEPAYERS.

There is a prospect that the rates in the City and County of Dublin will be reduced in the next financial year. Yesterday the Commissioners of the Dublin Union passed their estimate and demand. The total amount is £240,114, and it is apportioned as follows:—

On Dublin County Council... £76,187
On Dublin Corporation..... 163,927

Compared with that for the current year, the demand shows a decrease of £27,063. In 1923-1924, when the Celbridge Union was added to the Dublin Union, the demand was £269,525.

The Commissioners explain the estimate in detail, and say that they intend to continue their policy of undertaking large painting and general repair work, which is badly required to bring the hospitals and departments up to a reasonable standard.

Dealing with outdoor relief they say that they anticipate that by the end of the present financial year they will have saved £21,000. "No reduction has been made in the general scale of outdoor relief, but the Commissioners have devoted much of their time to watching carefully this department, which, up to the time of their appointment, was steadily rising. The appointment by them of two experienced and trained men as superintendents has more than justified itself. Expenditure under this heading in Dublin exceeds that in most cities of the same size in this and neighbouring countries, and it shall continue to receive our special attention. We hope, further, to reduce expenditure by £2,000 in the coming year. We wish, at the same time, to make it perfectly clear that each case is carefully examined, certified particulars of the circumstances are produced, and no hardship is inflicted on the deserving poor by the inauguration of the new system. At present there are 7,654 persons on outdoor relief.

"Under the heading of repayment of loans, we are providing for an additional sum for the coming year of £1,550 to repay principal and interest for the building of day nurseries at Pelletstown Auxiliary. The mortality of children in the nursery is alarming, and even allowing for the debilitated condition of the children entering it, we are satisfied that it could be reduced. We are satisfied the infants get proper attention from the nuns, but we have consulted with the medical officer, and are satisfied that the children do not get sufficient sunlight. We have decided, accordingly, to provide two large day nurseries in which the children will get the maximum sunlight throughout the day.

"During the year the unemployment in the city has increased the numbers seeking shelter by about one hundred per night in the workhouse. The numbers seeking admission to the Workhouse hospitals have also increased, and much care is required, and will be required, to prevent increase in union expenditure."

NORTH CO. DUBLIN.

ANOTHER "CUT" IN THE RATES.

Mr. P. Connolly presided yesterday at a meeting of the North Dublin Rural District Council. The estimates of expenditure for the coming year, amounting to £10,006, were submitted by the Clerk. This sum, it was stated, was lower by £305 than the estimates for last year. The members took exception to the cost of removing sick persons to hospital, and suggested that it should be made a whole union charge, as it was formerly.

Mr. P. Baggott, in moving the adoption of the estimates, remarked that the sum of £5,077, which the County Council was to be asked for, was lower than the sum demanded in any of the past three years, notwithstanding a new demand in respect of the lighting of Killester. It would mean a reduction of a penny on three halfpence in the £.

Mr. Byrne seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted, and the estimates were approved.

RATHDOWN COUNCIL.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S ESTIMATE "HELD UP."

The estimated expenditure on roads in the Rathdown No. 1 Rural District is £12,621. Mr. J. E. Ryan, the County Dublin Surveyor, submitted this estimate at the meeting of the District Council yesterday. Last year the estimate was £10,000. The Chairman of the District Council, Mr. A. W. Cullen, said that he was absolutely opposed to putting another £2,000 on the ratepayers' shoulders. Unless the Government came to the Council's assistance the proposals in the increased estimate would not be carried out.

The Council passed a resolution postponing the consideration of the County Surveyor's estimate, and invited the Roads Department of the Ministry for Local Government to send an inspector to inform the District Council before an estimate of expenditure in roads was adopted what proportion of the grants they were likely to receive.

DRUNKENNESS DEFINED.

LONDON DOCTOR IMPROVES ON THE DICTIONARY.

What is drunkenness? Here is the definition as given by Sir James Purves-Stewart, senior physician, Westminster Hospital, to a meeting of the Society for the Study of Inebriety in London:—

"A drunken person is one who has taken alcohol in sufficient quantity to poison his central nervous system, producing in his ordinary processes of reaction to his surroundings a temporary disorder, which causes him to be a nuisance or danger to himself or others."

According to the Oxford Dictionary, said Sir James, a drunken man was one who was overcome with liquor. But this was not quite synonymous with alcoholic intoxication or poisoning by alcohol, for a person might be taking a mildly toxic dose of alcohol which might be insufficient to overcome him and make him drunk.

At what stage of alcoholic intoxication was a man to be regarded as drunk? This was not a mere dialectic quibble, but a very practical question, because, under certain conditions, a drunken person was liable to various legal penalties.

According to Burns' Law Dictionary no statutory definition of drunkenness existed. A man might be held drunk for the purpose of one offence, and he would not be held drunk for the purpose of another offence.

Sir James spoke of how alcohol tended to set free the latent generous impulses of a person. Organisers of charity dinners realised this, and the subscription lists were never sent round until the end of the banquet, by which times the pangs of hunger were allayed and the generous impulses of the diners were not inhibited to the same degree as during the less altruistic period of the hors d'œuvres or soup.

Speaking of tests for drunkenness, Sir James pointed out that the smell of alcohol was conclusive evidence that the patient had recently swallowed alcohol, but of nothing more, for it might be produced by a single glass of alcoholic refreshment. "Even temperate city men, so I am told," said Sir James, "often chew a couple of cloves after their midday glass of cherry, as a sort of smoke-screen. Onions, various cheeses, and other aromatics may also serve the same kindly office."

AUSTRALIAN WOOL SALES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At the wool sales here to-day 7,300 bales were offered. American competition was practically absent. There was a demand from Japanese, Yorkshire, and Continental buyers. The good prices ruling earlier in the week were maintained.

According to "Kemp's Mercantile Gazette" the total number of bankruptcies recorded in 1924 was 4,895, against 5,034 in 1923.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

PROTECTION AND PRODUCTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Mr. Blythe is reported to have said on Saturday last, at Kilkenny, that protection is one of the things about which we must go slowly, and, further, that the inevitable tendency of protection is to raise prices. Little fault can be found with the first of these statements, but it should be accompanied by an acknowledgment of the fact that one of the special reasons for the necessity of caution in turning to protection is that under Free Trade the trading classes of the community have increased to at least double the number required, and they cannot with justice be let down quickly. The second statement may be true academically, but may by no means be accepted as true when it must be understood to mean profit or loss. A very clear understanding of attendant circumstances is necessary.

The history of taxes and taxation is largely a record of the shifts and expedients of Kings and Governments to excuse or to conceal their acts in the imposition of direct taxation, while the raising of revenue by import duties has seldom proved a serious burden. Doctrinaires may seek to draw fine lines excusing the raising of revenue by import duties and differentiating between so doing and protection. To clear away the fog, it is only necessary to understand that revenue is the share of the country's wealth set aside for the preservation of order and other acts of government, and that the country's wealth depends on, and is limited by, the exploitation of its resources. Certainly in some special cases advantages of position, such as that of Venice, and the performance of services have enabled some communities to amass wealth without labour in development of resources; but generally, where there is no production of wealth, there can be no revenue. There is no use in imposing direct taxation where there is no production of wealth from which to take it, or in asserting the necessity of expenditure where there is no wealth the tokens of which may be expended, nor will there be any prices of imported goods to rise or fall where there are no exports to pay for them. We have to produce before we can tax.

As for the income tax, it used to be pretty well admitted that it was unsuited for an agricultural country, where the turnover must be slow. India used to be pointed out as an example. What country could be more definitely agricultural than Ireland or have a slower turnover than a cattle-breeding country? Yet we cling to an income tax, based on exemptions, in which vast sums are purloined and retained for indefinite periods, to be finally returned. What farmer would not rather pay 1s. a pound more for tea or sugar than be confronted with an income tax demand just as he is setting out for the fair in the hope of buying a few heifers to eat his grass? England had to accept an income tax. We are under no such necessity.

If our statesmen would only get down to bed-rock and realise that our wealth must depend on the development of our natural resources, we might have a chance. Of course, agriculture must come first. Do we recognise that spring is coming, that nature is once more going to offer us a start? Are our fields to be untilled, our grass to grow uneaten for lack of a system of agricultural credit? Are we to be deterred from growing barley or potatoes or wheat because some minor interest or theory prevents the imposition of import duties? Objections to protection vanish before the urgent necessity of production.—Yours, etc.,

JOHNSON PASHA.

Ballinapierce, Enniscorthy,
January 13th, 1925.

FERTILISERS AND FOOD-STUFFS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your issue of the 12th inst. your Agricultural Correspondent says—"Every cargo of artificial fertilisers and feeding-stuffs brought into the country is sampled by officials of the Department." I should like to know if this is a definite statement of fact or merely a pious assumption of what is meant to be done. I presume that the Department does its own testing and analysis of samples. I must pay a guinea *per* sample to an analyst if I wish to check my invoices. The Department could here give a little practical assistance worth much more to the struggling main industry of the country than the columns of theoretical advice with which we are flooded—if it undertook to test samples at cost price for farmers who have purchased fertilisers and food-stuffs. The cost to the Department would not be 2s. 6d. a sample.

Farmers would then see that they get what they actually pay for. They cannot afford to pay a guinea a sample, and the result is that they never check their invoices, and trust blindly to luck that they will get value. This is not the proper way to run any industry. What wholesale business would dream of "carrying on" without checking its purchases in every detail? As the *raison d'être* of the Department of Agriculture is to assist the industry—to provide comfortable billets for the staff—I submit that farmers' samples should be tested by the Department at a nominal charge, and that all farmers should be encouraged to send samples of goods purchased for analysis. This would ensure the carrying out of the provisions of the law on the subject.—Yours, etc.,

W. M. BUTLER, Lieutenant-Colonel.

The Minaunn, Callan,
January 13th, 1925.

SECONDARY TEACHERS' SALARIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In his speech at Dun Laoghaire on the 10th inst. the Minister of Education is reported to have expressed his belief that in providing new educational schemes the Department over which he presides was not acting in advance of public opinion, and that, even if it were, he would take pride in the fact. His treatment of "that important body, the secondary teachers," has certainly not outdistanced public opinion, as voiced by all parties for many years past. It has been marked by a procrastination so strangely at variance with his promises and expressed opinions that it is hardly to be wondered that the general body of secondary teachers are hardening in the belief that they are being fooled by a native Minister of Education to an even greater degree than they were ever fooled by any British Chief Secretary. This belief cannot be good for education, and on national grounds is to be regretted—especially at the present time.

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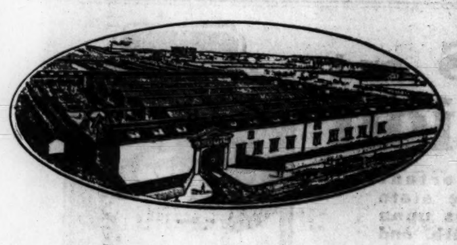

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NEW NILE BRIDGE.

An important scheme for the improvement of Khartum and the neighbouring towns of Khartum North and Omdurman is proposed, and an agreement will be signed shortly between the Sudan Government and a British group consisting of the Prudential Assurance Company, English Electric, Dorman Long, and Callenders' Cable and Construction Company, for building a nine-span steel bridge across the White Nile from Khartum to Omdurman.

It will be constructed by Dorman Long and Co. Its total length will be 1,150 yards, its width 9½ yards, and it will cost from £250,000 to £300,000.

With the existing bridge across the Blue Nile it will link the two Khartums with the great native town of Omdurman.

CONCRETE BRIDGES.

NEW CROSS-RIVER WORKS.

The weakest part of the British as well as the Irish road system, having regard to the heavy loads imposed by the increase in mechanically-propelled vehicles, is found in numerous bridges over rivers, canals, and railways. In the programme of road construction and reconstruction, therefore, a large amount of new bridg work has been necessary. For this concrete is being used to a considerable extent, and a number of interesting examples of this type of bridge are now in hand. The cost in most cases will be less than that of steel construction, and maintenance charges will be lower.

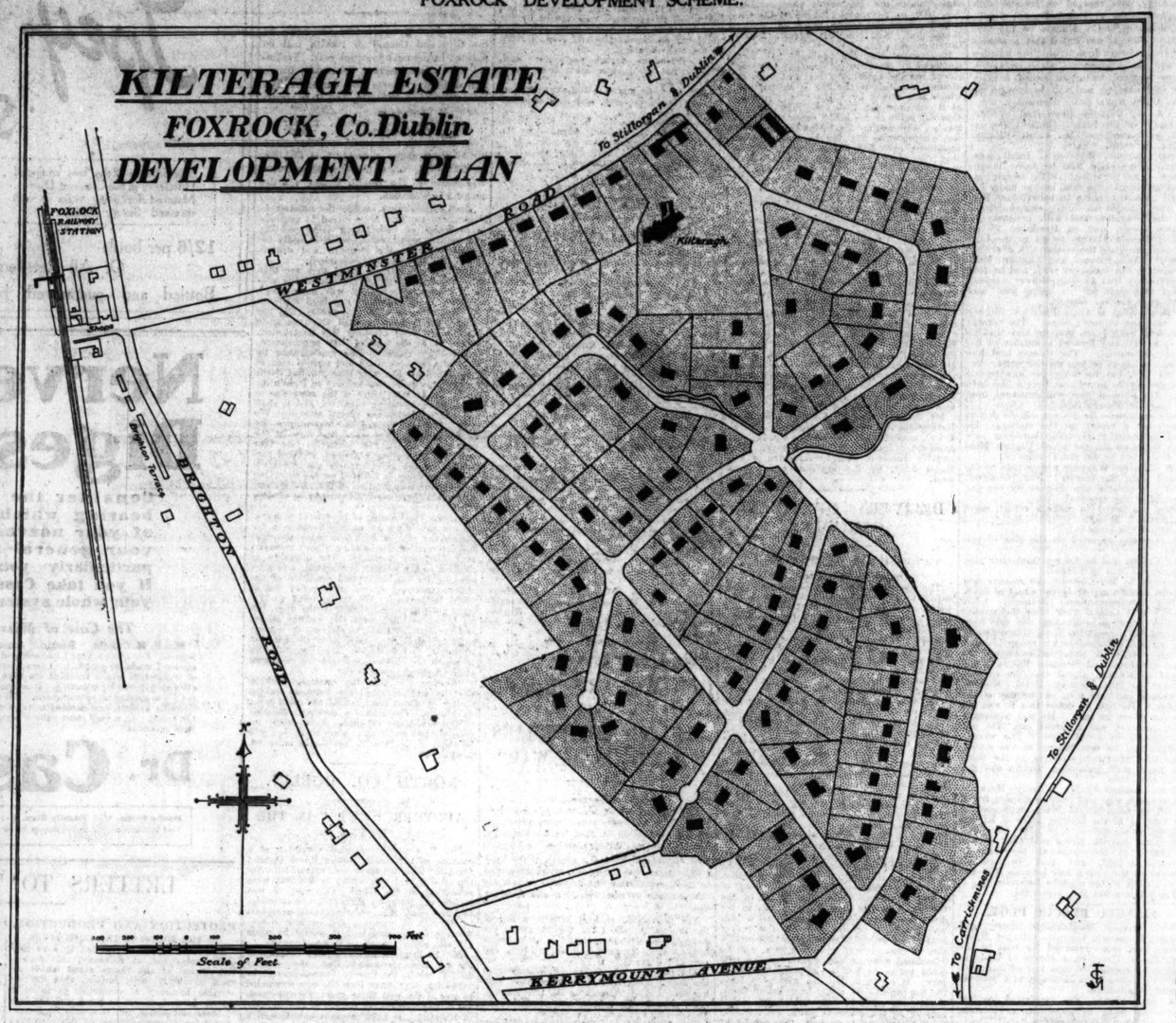
One of the latest contracts let is for a bridge over the River Tweed at Berwick, where for road traffic there is at present only an old narrow bridge 920ft. long. It is an interesting fact in connection with the Tweed bridge that Royal grant for maintenance was given in the reign of Charles II. The other existing bridge over the Tweed, the famous Royal Border bridge, carries the main line of the London and North-Eastern Railway to Scotland. This structure, which is nearly half-a-mile long and is 136ft. above the river, was designed by Robert Stephenson, and has been in service since 1850. The new bridge, work in connection with which has just been started, has been designed as a concrete and ferro-concrete structure, 1,405ft. long and 46ft. wide, which will give a roadway of 30ft. and two footways each of 8ft. There will be five main piers constructed in mass concrete, but the superstructure will consist of four arch and two approach spans in reinforced concrete. The bridge is remarkable for the size of the arch spans. That on the Berwick side of the river will be 361ft. 6in.—the largest reinforced concrete bridge span in Great Britain. The contract price is £160,000, and the work is expected to occupy two and a-half years.

Another cross-river bridge is being constructed at Reading, on the Caversham road, to replace an old steel structure which had become unsuitable for modern traffic. As the new bridge is being built on the site of the old one, and facilities for cross-river traffic in the meantime were regarded as essential, it was decided before demolishing the old bridge to build a new structure over the river a little lower down stream. When this was completed last October the removal of the old Caversham road bridge was taken in hand and work is now in progress on the foundations of its successor. The bridge has been designed in the form of two arches, one of 126ft. 4in., and the other of 106ft. 4in. span, and it has been necessary, in order to obtain an easy gradient on the Caversham side, to make one of the arch spans eccentrically flat. A wide bridge is being provided with two central promenade bays around the central pier. The width of the bridge is 56ft., which will be divided into a roadway of 32ft. and two 12ft. footpaths. The centre pier is being constructed on an island in the river, where the builders have uncovered the foundations of a very old masonry bridge, which appears to have been constructed by the monks connected with Reading Abbey. Beside the bridge foundations were the remains of an old 14th-century chapel, the masonry of which was in such good preservation that it has been removed and will be used in some form by Reading Corporation.

Grants ranging up to 75 per cent. of the cost are being made towards the construction of the and other bridges by the Ministry of Transport, and all the bridges are being designed in accordance with the standard loading regulations of the Ministry.

Part of the premises in Great Brunswick street formerly occupied as Burke's distillery is being reconstructed for the purpose of being used by the Post Office.

FOXROCK DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.



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GRANTS FOR BUILDING HOUSES.

DUBLIN COMMISSIONERS' SCHEME.

The Commissioners of the County Borough of Dublin have, with the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, adopted a supplemental scheme, in pursuance of which local assistance will be granted to persons for the purpose of enabling them to erect dwellings within the area under the jurisdiction of the Dublin Borough Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924.

The scheme provides for the making of grants up to the maximum amount indicated in the Act, namely:—

£100 for five-roomed houses.
£80 for four-roomed houses.
£60 for three-roomed houses.

The Commissioners are prepared (a) to give grants in cash; (b) to grant or lease any lands in their possession as building sites; or (c) to execute works of development suitable to the erection of houses to which the Act applies, provided that the total value of the assistance thus given shall not in the aggregate exceed the amounts of the grants above indicated.

Applications for grants towards the cost of reconstructing existing buildings will be considered.

The Commissioners are prepared to grant also a remission of rates in respect of houses to which the Act applies, in accordance with Part 2 of the Schedule of the Act. The Commissioners will receive and may grant applications for loans, not exceeding £200 in each case, for a period of 15 years.

It is further provided that the floor area of a house to rank for grants shall not exceed 1,000 square feet. In cases where the floor area exceeds 1,000 square feet, but does not exceed 1,500 square feet, assistance under the head of remission of rates only will be granted.

The provision of sites on any of the large areas in the possession of the Commissioners is contingent upon an adequate number of persons signifying their intention of taking the local assistance in this form.

Applications for local assistance under the supplemental scheme must reach the Commissioners not later than March 1st, 1925.

Persons desiring to avail themselves of the scheme should have regard to the plans prescribed and regulations made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and which are obtainable from Messrs. Eason and Son, Middle Abbey street, Dublin.

Any further information required can be obtained on application to the Housing Department, Exchange Buildings, Lord Edward street, Dublin.

TENDERS FOR NEW ROSS COUNCIL COTTAGES.

At New Ross Rural Council for the erection of cottage 526, Oldcourt, Adamstown, tenders were received from Mr. James Rossiter, New Ross, for £335, and from Mr. John Furlong, Adamstown, for £340. The resolution of the Chairman that Mr. Furlong get the cottages was passed unanimously.

For cottages No. 529 and No. 530, Cushinstown, John Redmond, Raheen, tendered at £340 for one and £341 for the other, and Mr. James Rossiter, New Ross, at £343 for each. Mr. Redmond's tender was accepted.

For cottage No. 538, Clongeen, Mr. Rossiter, New Ross, and Mr. William Shannon, Ballygarvan, tendered each at £350. Mr. Shannon's tender was accepted.

For cottages Nos. 552 (Donard) and 598 (Ballindoney) Mr. J. Doran, Rathgarogue, tendered at £345 for each, and Mr. Rossiter, New Ross, at £335. The chairman proposed that Mr. Doran's tender for the cottage at Donard be accepted. Mr. P. Colfer seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Rossiter was given the Ballindoney cottage at £335 and the Newtown cottage at £360.

Belfast Housing Committee has a number of schemes in operation at present. It is proposed to build 500 houses at Seaview, Shore road; 300 in the Whitewall and Serpentine roads; and 36 in Lower Windsor avenue. The erecting of 300 houses of the kitchen and parlour type is already in operation in the Whiterock road, while 208 in Donegall avenue are well under way.

TENDERS WANTED.

By Dominican Convent, Muckross Park, Marlborough road, Dublin, for building a new wing.

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By Mr. Thomas P. Flanagan, B.E., County Surveyor, by 24th January, for repairs to Foxford Courthouse.

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By Messrs. John Daly and Co., Ltd., for the erection of a new bonded warehouse at Kyrl's quay, Cork.

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By Dundalk Urban Council, by 27th January, for extension and augmentation of Dundalk water supply.

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By Belfast Corporation, by 21st January, for the erection of thirty-five workers' dwellings at Windsor avenue.

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By Messrs. C. Nolan and Sons, Devonshire street, South, Cork, by 21st January, for the erection of a new factory.

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By Rev. Francis Donnelly, P.P., by 10th February, for the erection of a parochial house at Carrickmore, County Tyrone.

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By Controller of Post Office Stores, Aldborough House, by 19th January, for supplies of mahogany and oak (rough).

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By Kaye Parry and Ross, architects, by 23rd January, for the erection of a number of houses at Castle Park road, Dalkey.

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By Great Northern Railway of Ireland, by 19th January, for the erection of an electric switch room at Amiens street, Dublin.

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By Mr. Robert J. Kirwan, County Surveyor, by 23rd January, for repairs to Ballymote Courthouse and Sligo County Courthouse.

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By Mr. James M. O'Donnell, Creggane, Claremorris, by 20th January, for the reconstruction of Waterford House, Ballyglass.

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By Soldiers and Sailors' Department, 30 Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, by 17th January, for carrying out repairs to cottages in Scheme No. 52, Naas No. 1 Rural District, and by 31st January for new work in connection with 28 houses in Mountmellick Rural District.

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By Great Southern Railway, by 30th January for rebuilding Loobridge station offices and stationmasters' house in concrete blocks, with slated roofs, and rebuilding station offices at Kilgarvan and Mountain Stage, Co. Kery, in timber and corrugated iron

DUBLIN NOTES.

Dublin County Council have accepted the tender of Messrs. J. F. Keating and Co., at £718, for rebuilding Rathfarnham Courthouse.

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Mr. Thomas McMahon, 10 Lomond avenue, Fairview, has been appointed an assistant Co. Surveyor by the Dublin County Council.

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The conversion of Kehoe Barracks into houses for workers is proceeding rapidly. There will be over 200 flats available, and already about 40 of these are occupied.

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The Dublin Commissioners have asked the sanction of the Minister for Local Government to the borrowing of £10,000 to enable them to carry out certain improvements at Pelletstown Auxiliary.

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The City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital has acquired the whole block of houses from 3 to 8 Hume street, and a sum of £50,000 is required to complete the extensions proposed, but the board is to carry out a portion of the scheme with its present resources.

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Messrs. Chapman and Chapman, Ltd., have acquired a suite of offices at 39 Nassau street, where they will operate as from to-day. This firm of suppliers, at their new premises, will have an up-to-date showroom, where a few of their smaller features will be always on view. They have also specimens of their heavier machinery available for inspection at any time at their stores, situated at Hanover quay.

PLANS FOR BUILDING WORKS IN DUBLIN.

Plans for the following new buildings and works of reconstruction were passed by the City Architect, Mr. Horace T. O'Rourke, during the four weeks ended 10th January, 1925, as follows:—

Upper Oriel street, rear 11—Shed. Mr. M. Meade.
Madison road, Rialto, rear 2—Garage. Mr. J. Byrne.
Hill street, 25—Roof over yard. Mrs. Nugent.
Weaver square, 11 and 12—Alterations. Mr. M. Heery.
Chancery street, 19-20—Reconstruction. Mr. W. J. O'Hara.
Dolphin's Barn street, rear 23-24—Additional floor to stores. Mr. J. Scully.
North Brunswick street Christian Brothers' Schools—Sanitary block, etc. Rev. Brother Curley.
Dominick place, 10a—Factory. Mr. B. Levinson.
Botanic road Tobacco Factory—Drainage to extension. Messrs. John Player and Sons.
Adjoining 63 Botanic avenue—Lock-up shop. Mr. M. Maher.
Mary's lane, 2—Alterations. Mr. M. Fenlon.
Victoria Villas, Malahide road, Clontarf—Garage. Mr. J. Ogden.
Seafield road—Dwellinghouse. Mr. P. J. Hynes.
Stephen's Green, Loreto Hall, 77—Cloakroom, etc. The Rev. Mother Superior.
Crawford avenue, Drumcondra—New schools. The Very Rev. Father Wall, P.P.
Shannon terrace, Old Kilmainham, 9—Dwellinghouse. Mr. T. Callan.
Dufferin avenue, S.C.R., 40 and 41—Two dwellinghouses. Mr. D. Byrne and Mrs. Ellen Smith.
Denmark street, Great, rear—New Sanitary work. Belvedere College.
Hill street, 15—Repairs. Mr. J. Lysaght.
Seafield road—Eight bungalows. Mr. P. O'Daly.
Marlborough place—Additions to premises. Messrs. Murray, Sons and Co.
Purdon street—Stores. Mr. T. Archer.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS PLACED.

The following contracts were entered into during the month of December by the Commissioners of Public Works:—

Carrowkeel ex-R.I.C. Barracks—Reconstruction. James Kelly, Ballyloakey, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.
Glenisland Civic Guard Station, Co. Mayo—Restoration. James Walsh, Castlebar street, Westport, Co. Mayo.
Dublin District—Plumbing, Gasfitting and Ironmongery Works and Supplies—Gleeson, O'Dea and Co., Ltd., Christ Church place, Dublin.
Civic Guard—Supply of Lamps, Maguire and Gatchell, Ltd., Dawson street, Dublin, and Sherwood, Sinley, Ltd., 44-50 Granville street, Birmingham.
Office Furniture Contract — The Dublin Furniture Manufacturing Company, Ltd., 34 Granby place, Dublin

COMING EVENTS

1925.

January 16—Dublin Society of Model and Experimental Engineers—Lecture on "Railway Carriage Bogies," by Mr. Ernest Blackburn, 25 Lower Pembroke street.
February 9-13—Wholesale Furnishing Trades Exhibition—Olympia.
February 11-14—Business Efficiency Exhibition—Central Hall, Westminster.
February 16-27—British Industries Fair—Birmingham.
February 23-28—First Irish Wireless Exhibition—Antient Concert Rooms.
March 3-14—Building Trades Exhibition—Manchester.
March 9-14—International Grocers' and Allied Trades Exhibition—Dublin.
April-October—British Empire Exhibition—Wembley.
April 11-May 2—National Food Exhibition—London.
Mar. 30 to April 4, 1925—International Chemists' Exhibition, Dublin.
May 9-16—Tobacco Exhibition—Olympia.
May 13-16—Royal Dublin Society Agricultural Show—Ballsbridge.
August 17—International Toy and Fancy Goods Fair, Dublin.

CONSTRUCTIONAL WORKS.

ORDERS FOR £200,000,000.

In the last two months of 1924 contracts amounting to £200,000,000 have been placed with British engineering, building, and road construction firms. These include many orders from various parts of the world. Messrs. Cammell, Laird, and Co., Ltd., are building a railway for New Zealand at a cost of £500,000, for which the Barrow Hematite Steel Company are supplying steel rails value £104,000.

The Government of New Zealand are buying 35 locomotives from the North British Locomotive Company, Glasgow, to the value of £172,550.

In Australia the Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Company, Limited, are supplying the equipment and rolling stock for the first section of the electrified suburban railway at Sydney, New South Wales, for £500,000.

The same firm is installing switch gear and transformers for a new generating station of the Victoria Falls Power Company, in South Africa, at a cost of £250,000.

Other large contracts abroad which have been placed in Great Britain during the last seven weeks include:—

The General Electric Company.—A year's supply of electric lamps for South African railways.

Cammell, Laird, and Co.—775 all-steel goods waggons for the East India Railway Company.

Bolekow, Vaughan, and Co., Ltd.—24,000 tons of steel rails for the extension of the Uganda Railway in East Africa.

Stewards and Lloyds, Ltd., Glasgow.—18 miles of steel piping for Singapore.

The Amalgamated Wireless and Marconi Company.—Two new beam wireless stations in Australia for direct communication with Great Britain and Canada, at a cost of £120,000.

Numerous home contracts have been placed, most of them from local authorities. The largest is that given by the Newcastle Town Council to Messrs. Dorman, Long, and Co. for a new bridge across the Tyne costing £571,225.

The Battersea Borough Council have ordered 30,000 bricks for their building scheme at £7 10s. per 1,000, which entails an outlay of more than £238,000.

New refuse works at Govan are to be built by Heenan, Froude, Ltd., for the Glasgow Town Council for £382,150.

MANY MILLIONS ON RAILWAY WORKS.

In the House of Commons Mr. W. Guinness, Secretary to the Treasury, said idle British shipping was less than half what it was a year ago, the decrease being from 720,000 tons to 333,000.

He drew attention to the large sums of money to be expended by the different railway companies on new work—£14,000,000 by the London, Midland, and Scottish; £12,000,000 by the Great Western; £11,000,000 by the Southern, and £17,000,000 by the London and North-Eastern.

This year 72 new s...s have been built by Tees-side shipbuilders, compared with 30 last year. This is the biggest output of new tonnage since 1919.

AERODROME BUILDING.

The Croydon Aerodrome extension and improvement scheme, which will make Croydon one of the finest and most complete aerodromes in the world, will cost approximately £225,000. The scheme includes the building of a new set of central offices, a large hotel, and a 60-foot tower, from which the traffic officers can direct arriving and departing machines, and the addition to the present flying ground of a large area of land on the west side of Plough Lane.

Nearly £36,000 was reserved in the Air Estimates for the present year, but as almost the whole of this sum was for work in connection with the diversion of the public right-of-way, which cannot be proceeded with until a Parliamentary bill has been sanctioned, practically nothing has been spent, and the whole scheme of reconstruction is held up pending the sanction of that measure.

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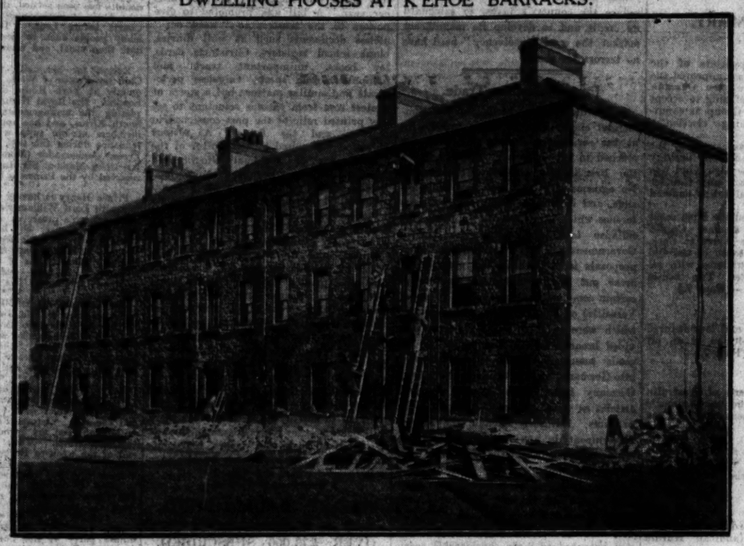
DWELLING HOUSES AT KEHOE BARRACKS.



The Commissioners of Public Works are carrying out the conversion of Kehoe Barracks into working class dwellings.

Already 36 flats of 2 or 3 rooms each are occupied.

Plans have been prepared for 206 flats in all, and 40 are nearing completion, and will be fit for occupation within a month. Three cottages, each of 3 rooms, are also occupied.

The Dublin City Commissioners have placed a contract for the erection of twenty-four temporary dwellings inside the boundary wall of the barracks. These dwellings will contain living room, two bedrooms, scullery, w.c., and will cost £175 each.

ROAD CONTROL IN THE FREE STATE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION.

The revised version of the Free State Local Government Bill has been printed, and is now on sale. It may be identified by its number (No. 54 of 1924), the original Bill being numbered 18.

As a result of consultations which have taken place since the original bill was introduced, the Minister has agreed to a number of changes. These changes were expressed in amendments so numerous and lengthy that great difficulty would have ensued in the handling of the bill. It was agreed, therefore, that they should be incorporated in a new text. Hence the revised version now published.

About eight pages of the bill are devoted to the roads section, and provisions are made for their maintenance and construction, abandonment and closing temporarily. Powers are given to dig for road materials, remove hedges and buildings that obstruct the views on roads.

Authority is given to the county surveyor or contractor to dig for and carry from any land in his own or adjoining county any gravel, stone, sand or other material required for construction or maintenance of any road, and also to take material from any river in the county or adjoining county.

Power is also given to make and repair drains, to carry off water from roads, and to use any land for storing, crushing, breaking and mixing materials for road construction.

Surveyors or contractors cannot enter such land against the will of the occupier without an order from a District Justice, and compensation is to be paid to the occupier or owner of the land.

Where the Minister is satisfied that the erection of a proposed building would obstruct the view of road-users, he may, on the application of the Council, prohibit the erection of the building within thirty yards of the roads, and for the same reason in the case of an existing structure he may order its removal within a specified time. Where this is done compensation is to be paid to the owners by the Council making the application, but no compensation will be paid for any structure erected within a month of the passing of this Act.

The Minister may also make regulations prescribing the nature and quality of the materials to be used in the maintenance and construction of roads.

WATER-POWER SCHEMES

The importance of water-power is increasingly recognised, and several advances have been made during the past year with a view to its larger utilisation. Great Britain's possibilities in this direction were discussed at the World Power Conference by Professor Gibson, and the matter has been in the public eye for some time. This has especially been the case with the River Shannon scheme, which has been under investigation by Messrs. Siemens-Schuckert, of Berlin. Their proposal for the partial development of the power available has been before the Dail, and it is proposed to instal 17,000 Kw., with which power will be available at a cost of .53d. per unit.

The Severn project was revived by the late British Government, who appointed a committee of inquiry into the feasibility of the scheme for the production of electrical power by the means of a barrage across the river. This committee in turn invited eminent engineers to report on the possibility of constructing the barrage if the necessary foundations are found to exist. A grant was allocated to cover the expenses of the necessary preliminary investigations, and it is hoped that the report will be issued ere long.

Thus the first contract for the Lochaber hydro-electric scheme has now been placed. The scheme is to be assisted by a guarantee under the Trades Facilities Act to the extent of £2,000,000, and the first part of the work involves the construction of a concrete pier and a viaduct at Fort William and tunnelling through twenty miles of solid rock of Ben Nevis.

£571,225 BRIDGE CONTRACT.

The Newcastle City Council accepted the tender of Dorman, Long and Co. at a price of £571,225 for the construction of a bridge across the Tyne between Newcastle and Gateshead, for which an Act of Parliament has been obtained. This was the lowest tender. The next was that of the Cleveland Bridge and Engineering Co., at £604,421. The highest tender was £743,936.

ITEMS

A number of Limerick streets are to be relaid in concrete at a cost of £39,000.

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Mallow Urban District Council have under consideration tenders for rebuilding the Town Hall.

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Youghal Urban Council is to receive £7,500 from the Ministry of Finance for improving the water supply.

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Belfast Corporation proposes to borrow £20,000 to be expended in street widening, sewer works, etc.

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Lurgan War Memorial Committee is to erect a temple of peace, constructed of granite, at a cost of about £3,000.

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£13,000 has been made available by the Ministry of Local Government for work in Co. Leitrim on roads, drainage, etc.

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Tipperary Urban Council has been authorised to borrow £5,000 for converting military barracks into workers' houses.

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Ballymena Urban Council have accepted the tender of Messrs. Furdy and Millard, Belfast, at £7,040, for facing stone for the new town hall.

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Limerick County Borough Technical Instruction Committee invite applications by 29th January for the post of teacher of building trades.

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A Local Government inquiry will be held at Newry on January 22, into the Urban District application for a loan of £16,145 for the erection of forty-two houses.

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A report submitted to the County Clare Board of Health stated that the doctor's residence at Scarriff would cost about the same as that at Whitegate—£1,800 or £2,000.

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Leitrim County Council has accepted the tender of Mr. Francis Prior, Ardrum, Ballinamore, at £412, for the repair of Manorhamilton Courthouse. The County Surveyor's estimate was £430.

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Athlone Urban Council has received offers of from £270 to £300 for workmen's dwellings, which cost £650 to build, and which the Local Government Department suggested should be sold at £350.

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The Town Surveyor of Ballymoney has reported that it would take about £5,000 to repair the present town hall. A suggestion was made that a new hall should be erected, and the matter was remitted to a committee.

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Louth Board of Health has accepted the tender of Mr. Peter Delaney, Navan, at £1,820, for building works at Ardee Hospital, and that of Mr. Patrick Coldrick, Navan, for plumbing work, at £263.

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Tyrone County Council have accepted the tender of Mr. John McCaul, Omagh, at £509 for work in connection with offices for the County Surveyor and other officials. Other tenders submitted were Messrs. Allen Bros., Omagh, £651, and Messrs. John Boyle and Son, Belfast, £824.

SUPPLY OF BUILDING MATERIALS.

The late British Minister of Health announced in October last that, in pursuance of undertakings given when the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, was before the House of Commons, he had taken steps to appoint committees of the building industry and of the manufacturers and suppliers of building materials to assist him in carrying out the scheme embodied in the Act, particularly as regards the development and co-ordination of the supply of labour and materials for house building. The constitution of the Building Industry Committee was then published, and the Minister intimated that a separate committee, representative of the manufacturers and suppliers of building materials, was in process of formation. The present Minister of Health had confirmed the appointment of the Building Industry Committee, and has approved the appointment of the Committee of Manufacturers and suppliers of Building Materials as follows:—

Mr. H. J. C. Johnston, Mr. C. E. Morris,
Mr. Geo. Andrews, Mr. J. Alfred Pratt,
Mr. Geo. Barlow, Mr. H. W. Rogers,
Col. A. J. Foster, Mr. P. M. Stewart,
Mr. Frank G. Foster, Mr. E. G. Vevers,
Mr. Jas. J. Greenwood Mr. W. H. Wright,
Mr. J. King, Mr. H. Halliday.
Mr. E. Howard May,

It is contemplated that representatives of the employers and operatives in the building industry shall be added to the above committee.

The duties of the committee are to assist the Minister of Health and the Secretary for Scotland with expert advice on the supply of materials for housing, with particular reference to making available supplies of such materials in such quantities and at such places as may be required, and to keep him informed as to any relevant matters connected with difficulties of transport, expansion of supply, standardisation of materials, the probable course of prices, and the possible means of dealing with a rise of prices if experienced, or providing alternative materials.

CONCRETE MILE POSTS.

Concrete mile posts and whistles are very generally used on railways on account of their low initial cost and the negligible cost of maintenance. A further development in this direction is now being made by the use of white cement for the manufacture of these posts, which considerably adds to their visability. On one important American railway, the New York Central Railroad, all mile posts and whistle posts are now made with white cement. The posts are made in wooden moulds, the "W" on the whistle posts being formed by nailing strips of wood inside the forms. They are then painted black. The concrete consists of 1 part "Atlas White" cement, 2 parts white sand, and 4 parts white gravel passing a ½-inch mesh. Both types of post are reinforced with ¼-inch round rods.

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IF STEEL HOUSES BECOME FASHIONABLE.

One of the technical officers of the Ministry of Health, who has examined the steel house erected for demonstration purposes said:—

"It is a simple square house, containing a living room, kitchen, two good bedrooms and a bathroom. It is constructed on a concrete base, as is usual with many brick houses nowadays, and consists of stout steel sheeting for the external covering, with wood framing to carry the roof and hold up the sheeting.

"Inside it is lined with a sort of composition material of wood pulp and asbestos. The roof consists of asbestos tiles, but there is no reason why ordinary slates or tiles should not be used if people prefer them.

"This house is, as Mr. Chamberlain said, not at all unpleasing to look at from the outside. All the steel framing is painted and the window frames in this particular example are steel, but they can be of wood. The interior walls look very nice, and certainly give scope for many different forms of decoration.

"One of the questions which has been raised is whether steel houses will be very hot in summer and cold in winter. I understand that with the air spaces arranged between the external and internal linings and the materials of which the internal walls are composed, this difficulty has been overcome. The present house has been up during the most part of this summer, and Lord Weir has satisfied himself on this point. The existing house is well fitted with the usual conveniences, and is a good example of the bungalow type of dwelling.

"It is not possible to give any estimate of the cost except that it will be less than that of a similar type of brick house.

"Once the materials are on the site these houses can be erected in a week, though a little longer is necessary if the chimneys are built of brick. Providing concrete chimneys are used, no bricklayers or plasterers are necessary.

"There is no reason why, architecturally, steel houses should not look just as well as other houses which are at present being erected," said an official of the Society of Architects. "There are, however, one or two points which demand consideration. One is the cost of maintenance. The whole of the outside of these houses has to be kept painted, and that means considerably more than the painting necessary on the outside of a brick house.

"Then there is the question of noise. The harder the materials used the more noise is intensified. It may be that in steel houses external noises will be intensified, and that speech and noises inside will ring, rather as they do in a room emptied of its ordinary furniture. Again, there is the question of how long these houses will last. A good brick house lasts as long as two or three hundred years. The life of a steel house can be estimated by the length of life of steel ships and machinery. Fifty years would probably be a reasonable estimate of the life of a steel house. The outside will have to be kept well painted or rust will commence its work of deterioration at once.

"At the same time we sleep in steel ships, so why not in steel houses? At any rate, they will be better than some of the brick houses now being erected."

Lanarkshire County Council ordered 100 steel houses. The price quoted was £375. The houses were to consist of three apartments with scullery and bathroom, and all the houses will be ready for occupation next spring.

RELIEF WORKS SCHEME IN DERRY.

At a special meeting of the Derry Corporation it was decided to comply with the request of the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland that the Council should undertake schemes for the purpose of relieving unemployment in the city.

Mr. M. A. Robinson, the City Surveyor, submitted nine schemes for street relaying, concreting of footpaths, the laying of new water mains, and the painting of Corporation property. The total cost of the work, he estimated, would be £9,229, of which £5,101 would be for labour, and £4,128 for material. The Government grant would be, roughly, £4,000, so that the Corporation would have about £5,000 odd to pay. During the period April to December of 1924 there had been a total expenditure in connection with relief works of £10,350 9s. 5d.

It was decided to refer the report to a committee, with Council powers to decide on what schemes should be proceeded with.

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DUNDALK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
TO CONTRACTORS.
EXTENSION AND AUGMENTATION OF DUNDALK WATER SUPPLY.
The Dundalk Urban District Council hereby invite Tenders for the carrying out, completion, etc., of the above works according to the Plans, Drawings, Sections and Specification prepared by Maurice Sellars, Esq., M. Inst. C.E.I., Town Surveyor and Water-Works Engineer, which can be inspected on application at the offices of the said Maurice Sellars, Esq., Town Hall, Dundalk.
Intending Contractors must lodge the sum of Five Pounds with the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Dundalk, in the name of the Council before a Form of Tender can be obtained. This sum can only be redeemed by the receipt of a bona fide Tender accompanied by Sections and Specification.
Sealed Tenders fully priced and endorsed "Water-Works," giving the names of two Solvent Sureties, each willing to join in a Bond in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds with the Contractors to the Council, and addressed to the Chairman, Dundalk Urban District Council, to be lodged with the Town Clerk at his office, Town Hall, Dundalk, NOT LATER THAN 4 O'CLOCK P.M. ON TUESDAY, THE 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 1925. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
Dated this 8th day of January 1925.
By Order,
MATHEW COMERFORD, Town Clerk.
Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Dundalk.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following is the order of Advertisements in to-day's *Irish Times*:—

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Take Notice that I intend applying for a Renewal of the Certificate of Registration for the Monkstown Football Club.
Dated 14th January, 1925.
J. R. RAMSEY, Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICES.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
CLARA CHRISTINA MOUTRAY, late of Auburn, Malahide in the County of Dublin, Widow, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the estate or assets of the said Clara Christina Moutray, Deceased, who died on the 23rd day of July, 1924, are hereby required, to on or before the 13th day of February, 1925, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitors for the administrator of the estate of said Deceased, to whom letters of administration were granted forth of the Principal Registry (Probate) of the High Court of Justice Saorstat Eireann, on the 20th day of September, 1924.
And notice is hereby given that after the said 13th day of February, 1925, the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice and particulars have been given as above required.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1925.
DARLEY ORPEN and SYNNOTT, Solicitors for the Administrator, 30/31 Kildare street, Dublin.

RE
MAJOR JAMES WILLIAM K. DISNEY, Deceased.
All persons claiming to be creditors of, or having any claims against the Estate of the above Deceased, lately temporarily resident at 15 Clarindon Park, N., Kingstown, County Dublin, and who died at Cheltenham on the 23rd November, 1924, are requested to send full particulars of their claims to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executrix, Miss Elizabeth M. A. Disney.
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STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
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PATRICK ARTHUR HAMILTON REID, late of Holmston, Kingstown, County Dublin, Esquire, Deceased.
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And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 14th day of February, 1925, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice and particulars shall have been given as hereby required.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1925.
ORPEN and SWEENY, Solicitors for the Executors, 33 Anglesea street, Dublin.

Notice of Audit and Dividend.—23.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of
LEO COLEMAN, of Ellison street and The Green, Castlebar, in the County of Mayo, Draper and Boot Merchant, a Bankrupt.
A Public Sitting will be held before the Court, at the Law Courts, the Castle, Dublin, on Friday, the 13th day of February, 1925, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to audit the Assignees' Account and make a dividend in this matter.
Dated this 14th day of January, 1925.
W. F. COOPER, Senior Assistant.
A. G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, Law Courts, the Castle, Dublin.
CASEY, CLAY and COLLINS, Solicitors for the Assignees, 21 St. Andrew street, Dublin.

Notice of Sitting for Proof of Debts.—21.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of
JAMES MURTAGH, of The Green Bridge, Patrick street, Mullingar, in the County of Westmeath, Cattle Dealer, a Bankrupt.
A Public Sitting in this matter will be held before the Chief Registrar at the Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin, on Thursday, the 29th day of January, 1925, at the hour of eleven o'clock, forenoon, for the Proof and Admission of Debts and for the vouching of the Official Assignees' Account.
A Creditor may prove his Debt at the sitting, or send his Affidavit of Debt in the prescribed form or his detailed account to the under-named Official Assignee, four days previously to the sitting, in order to have the same admitted.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1925.
W. F. COOPER.
A. G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin.
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IMPORTANT TO SOLICITORS.
From the 1st May, 1924, the charge for their advertisements under Legal Notice heading, or in any other advertising column of this paper (save "Avony" or Personal), is 1/6 per line, with a minimum of 10/6.
THE MANAGER.

BELFAST READERS.
The IRISH TIMES is due to arrive in Belfast at 9.10 a.m. If it is not delivered within a reasonable time please communicate with our Branch Office, 109 Royal Avenue.

The Irish Times

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1925.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The conference of supporters of the Treaty, at Galway yesterday, approved the action of the executive of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party in refusing to accept members of the National Group as candidates at the forthcoming election.—(Page 7.)

Considerable damage was caused by the gale which visited Ireland on Tuesday night. In some places the high wind was accompanied by heavy rain and thunder and lightning, and several towns suffered from flooding.—(Page 7.)

During the heavy gale on the Irish coast on Tuesday night the steamer Cardiff Hall, bound from Buenos Ayres to Cork, was driven on the rocks south of the Old Head of Kinsale, and foundered with all hands in fifteen minutes. Two bodies have been washed ashore.—(Page 7.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Three men were killed and four injured as the result of an explosion at an oil works on the Medway.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

The Federal Government of Australia is being urged to disband the Seamen's Union, a strike of members of which has dislocated the essential passenger and goods services.—(Page 8.)

General satisfaction is expressed as the result of the agreement reached between the Allies at the Paris Conference.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

At Hurst Park yesterday Crock Hill won the New Year Handicap Hurdle Race.—(Page 10.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were quiet and business was on a smaller scale. Radio Common rose sharply.—(Page 11.)

Money was in better supply in Lombard street, and overnight loans were made at 3-3½ per cent. Sterling exchange was weak.—(Page 11.)

Dublin Stock Market was far from busy; Dublin Distillers again active, but unchanged at the close.—(Page 11.)

Fair Play for the Free State.

"Fair play," it is said, "is a jewel"; and surely the youngest, weakest and most sorely tried member of the Commonwealth of British Nations is entitled to fair play. The Government of the Free State is open to much criticism. Its inexperienced Ministers have made many mistakes and have committed many extravagances. The country is over-taxed; trade—as in England—is not flourishing, and the general outlook, political, social and economic, offers legitimate causes for grave anxiety. Criticism, however, ought to be just and helpful; it ought to set assets against losses, and it ought to make reasonable allowances for inevitable difficulties. Not of this sort is some of the criticism which has been levelled against the State during the last few days. When critics invest themselves with the blackest robes of pessimism and take a gloomy joy in making bad worse, we must feel disposed to question either their judgment or their motives. There are a few English newspapers which have not been able to reconcile themselves to the existence of the Free State, and to these Mr. John Dillon's recent jeremiad seems to have given much satisfaction. Mr. Dillon never was a cheerful person, and of course he has no love for the party which broke him. Last week he emerged less cheerful than ever—an ancestral voice prophesying war. His account of our country's parlous condition piled woe on woe in an effort to rival the sombre horrors of Dürer's "Melancholia." The Free State Army is the curse of Ireland. The Government has not transferred the land purchase annuities to the British Treasury—a charge which to-day the Government denies in the most definite terms. The Free State has not paid a penny of its contribution to the British war debt and the unpaid millions are accumulating doomfully. Nowhere does the horizon show a solitary gleam, and the Great Anarch is ready to let the curtain fall on a scene of universal darkness. If Mr. Dillon is right, says an English newspaper, having retailed his charges at length, "the Free State is insolvent."

The Free State is not insolvent—and, if it were insolvent to-morrow, how would such misfortune help Mr. Dillon, the British Government or any British newspaper? Indeed, these attacks benefit nobody and do a good deal of harm. They injure the State's credit, which is its most important asset; and they tend to kindle distrust and misgivings between the English and Irish peoples. The truth is that, if Great Britain and the Free State should regard each other as a foreign, and even unfriendly, country, their relations, and the Free State's very existence, soon might become impossible, and Mr. Dillon's worst fears, or hopes, might be fulfilled. If Britain should hold the Free State to such a strict accountancy as America asserted in the case of Britain's war debt, it is quite probable that insolvency would overtake us in the near future. We anticipate no such calamity—if the two Governments are wiser than some newspapers. The Anglo-Irish Treaty contemplated, along with constitutional independence, relations of permanent good-will and a close alliance of economic interests between Great Britain and the Free State. It is on this basis alone that the Treaty is workable at all. As partners the two countries may go from strength to strength. As enemies there is not room for both of them in the world. In partnership the Free State may expect—indeed, is entitled to expect—the fullest consideration for her financial and other difficulties from the British Government. She must be willing, however, to show a corresponding consideration for her partner's economic needs. The alarm which has caused some English newspapers to "feature" Mr. Dillon—as the picture-houses would say—seems to spring from a belief that the Free State Government is about to impose further duties on English exports. That action would be well within its right, but surely the welfare of our main industry demands in all such matters a frank spirit of accommodation and co-operation. As between Great Britain and the Free State the game of "beggar my neighbour" would be disastrous—for the Free State. If our young Ministers will set themselves to reduce the country's taxes, to safeguard its credit and to develop its magnificent market, the word "insolvency" need have no terrors for them.

Franco-German Trade.

Much disappointment is felt in commercial circles both in Paris and Berlin at the serious deadlock which has been reached in the trade negotiations between the French and German Governments. No agreement of any kind has been possible, and it is quite likely that the conference which is in progress in Paris will collapse to-morrow, when the French Government will reply to the latest set of proposals from Berlin. The negotiations arose out of the automatic lapsing of certain commercial clauses of the Treaty of Versailles on January 10th. These clauses, which were in force for five years, provided broadly for the free import of all goods manufactured in Alsace-Lorraine into Germany, and for the free export from Germany into Alsace-Lorraine of such articles as yarns, tissues and other textile products. Naturally enough, the French Government is anxious to preserve the fiscal unity between the Lorraine iron mines and the coalfields of the Ruhr Valley. Unless it gets coke from Germany and is enabled to send its ores to the Ruhr, the industry of Lorraine will suffer very heavily, and the French Government was prepared to make considerable sacrifices in order to come to terms with Berlin. The negotiations were proceeding with every hope of success when the Allied Powers decided to maintain the military occupation of the Cologne bridge-head beyond the period which was stipulated in the Treaty. This change of front had immediate reactions in Berlin, and the German Government stiffened its terms without delay. It insisted above all that, before any concessions could be made to French industry, the 26 *per cent.* reparations duty on German goods must be abolished. For many reasons the French would not agree to this proposal. Now it is more than probable that France and Germany will start a tariff war against each other which may have incalculable results.

At the moment France stands to lose more than Germany by the failure of these negotiations. Since the war she has been exporting heavily to Germany, and at present the balance of trade is decidedly in her favour. The re-imposition of *maximum* tariffs against French goods would strike a severe blow at French industry, and, incidentally, would tend to encourage trade between Germany and Great Britain. Since the days of Bismarck there have been two contending policies in Germany. One, supported in the past by Liberal opinion, is in favour of *rapprochement* with Anglo-Saxondom; the other, which has been preached in season and out of season by Georg Bernhard, Editor of the *Vossische Zeitung*, is in favour of the closest relations with France. The advocates of this policy, naturally, have been working day and night for the success of the Paris negotiations. They have their counterparts in France, where certain sections of the community have preserved the traditional hatred of perfidious Albion and would be prepared to ally themselves with anybody if they thought that they could harm British trade. Unfortunately, they cannot have things both ways. If they want a commercial alliance with Germany, they must be ready to make certain concessions, political as well as economic, to Berlin; and, as they do not seem to realise that fact, they are losing an opportunity that may not recur. The attitude of His Majesty's Government is admirably correct. It is taking no part in the negotiations, recognising the perfect right of France to make her own commercial alliances. Britain, however, has a precisely similar right, and it is quite likely that the collapse of the Paris negotiations will be followed by a powerful agitation in Germany to come to commercial terms with London and New York. For the time being, however, Britain's best policy is to stand aloof. Her position for bargaining never was more favourable than it is to-day, and if a Continental tariff war is started, she will hold the balance of power, as she never held it before.

The Baltic States.

When the despotism of the Tsars was broken the enforced uniformity of the Russian domains vanished, and a series of virile little nations leapt into the world's vision from Finland to Georgia. The territory bordering the Baltic Sea resembled the Balkans, with Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, now independent States, quarrelling over the adjustment of their borders. The vigour and enterprise of these little countries may be attributable to the large infusion of good Scandinavian blood in the population in the case of the more northerly of the five countries, and to historic affinity with Western Europe in the case of Poland. Under the Soviet Muscovy has proved as jealous of its little neighbours as under the Tsars, and Bolshevist agents have been seeking to provoke Red revolutions which would give means and excuse for the re-conquest of these lands. Within the past month there has been a Communist rising—happily abortive—in Reval, with Bolshevist forces just across the border, waiting the signal to proclaim the incorporation of Esthonia in the Soviet Union. To-morrow representatives of the five Baltic States will meet at Helsingfors, in order to seek an understanding on matters of common concern. It may be that the Bolshevist threat, instead of undoing the freedom of these new nations, has ensured its perpetuation; for it has caused them to seek a means of common defence. Lithuania and Poland are technically in a state of war, ever since the dispute over the possession of Vilna; but to-morrow's conference means that these two nations, historically allies, have renewed that friendship which is necessary to the prosperity of both.

Printed Matter.

The rapid accumulation of printed matter has crowded out the storage space in the British Museum, perplexing the trustees. At the beginning of the century the lineal space occupied by British newspapers filed under the Copyright Acts was no less than two and a quarter miles, and this space was increasing by 100 yards *per* year. A bill was promoted to give powers to the trustees to "weed out" useless documents such as wall diaries, blank school registers, Christmas cards, toy books, unimportant tracts and pamphlets, song sheets, valueless periodicals and similar matter; but a storm of protest rose from persons reluctant to see any printed relic of the past consigned to oblivion and the flames. A serious objection was raised by the Editor of the "Dictionary of National Biography." He stated that important evidence, used in the compiling of that great national record, had been gleaned from seemingly valueless periodicals, and he urged that future generations should not be deprived of similar advantages. The bill was dropped, and afterwards £150,000 was voted to provide storage for newspapers and other printed matter for thirty years. To-day the space provided in new galleries, and in a building erected at Hendon to receive provincial prints, is filled to overflowing; but the making of books knows no end. Once more the need for "weeding out" is being discussed, and this time that process may be authorised. Perhaps, good literature and valuable records would benefit by a firm decision to destroy mere trash; yet there will be reason for regretful musings when the loads of books and papers, representing a vast expense of spirit by forgotten toilers, go forth to the fires.

THE ST. PAUL'S FUND.

OVER £73,000 SUBSCRIBED.

The St. Paul's Cathedral Appeal Fund had reached a grand total of £73,898 9s. 8d. last night. During the day *The Times* received subscriptions amounting to £15,876 16s. 11d. from 1,159 subscribers. Among the contributors were the Duke of Connaught and the Archbishop of Canterbury £50 each.

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE.

RECEPTION IN CORK ON HIS RETURN.

At the weekly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cork Progressive Association last evening it was suggested that a fitting reception should be given to President Cosgrave on his return from France, in recognition of his services to the Free State.

COMMISSION ON THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

CHAIRMAN SELECTED.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, who has in hand the preliminaries for the setting up of a Commission on the liquor traffic, informed me yesterday that he believes he has secured for the position of Chairman a public man, whose appointment will be approved generally; and added that he is working at present on the *personnel* of the Commission and the terms of reference.

He expects to have the arrangements in shape for an announcement to the Dail soon after the re-assembly of that body.

LAND ACTS ANNUITIES.

MR. DILLON'S STATEMENT.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION.

Mr. Dillon's statement that all land annuities received under the British Land Acts are not paid over to the British Government, is incorrect, according to the Publicity Department of the Free State Government.

The statement continues:—All such annuities are paid over. The land annuities entered as "Miscellaneous Revenue" in the weekly Exchequer statement consist only of annuities under earlier Land Acts prior to 1891. There is a special note explaining this point in the published estimates of receipts and expenditure of the current year.

Also, contrary to Mr. Dillon's statement, the payment to the British Government in respect of these annuities is included in the expenditure side of the Exchequer statement, under the head of Supply Services. This is readily ascertainable by reference to the published volume of detailed estimates, where provision for the payment is shown as a distinct sub-head of the vote for local loans.

The receipts in respect of land annuities are shown separately from other Miscellaneous Revenue in the annual finance accounts. *Vide* page 17 of the recently issued volume for 1923-24.

ABRAHAM'S PLACE OF WORSHIP.

FINDS IN THE SHRINE OF THE MOON GOD AT UR.

A report was issued by the Joint Expedition of the British Museum and the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania on its work at Ur of the Chaldees.

"Work," it is stated, "has been carried on on two sites, both lying within the limits of the Sacred Area. Half of the men have been digging out, on one side of the Ziggurat (a huge brick tower), a small building.

"We came at last upon the original wall built by King Ur-Engur 2,300 years before Christ.

"The mud plaster still covered the wall face, and driven through it into the joints of the brick work were cones of baked clay, shaped like nails, their heads forming a pattern on the wall, and their shafts inscribed with the name and title of the king, and the dedication of his building to the Moon God.

"Such cones have long been known, but their use remained a mystery.

"The latest buildings were poor, crooked rooms of the Persian time, with store-pits beneath their floors. Clay tablets showed that there were then still priests housed in what was already a ruin, still collecting tithes from the few adherents of the old faith.

"Just at the time when the Temple at Jerusalem was being rebuilt by Ezra and Nehemiah the shrine of the Moon God, at which Abraham once worshipped, came to a dishonoured end and was buried under the drifting sand."

MISS FURLONG'S CONCERT.

Four choral hymns from the "Rig Veda," by Mr. Gustav Holst, were an interesting part of the concert given at the Metropolitan Hall, Dublin, last night, by Miss Ivy Furlong's Choral Society. Mr. Holst is one of the most individual and adventurous of the modern writers of choral music in England. Hitherto Dublin has heard nothing of his work except a few of his earlier small pieces. Miss Furlong's choir of thirty-five or so ladies last night came safely through the abounding difficulties of the music. The effect of their singing was assisted greatly by the skilful accompaniment by Mr. T. H. Weaving at the piano. The rest of the choral part of the concert included a group of unaccompanied part-songs, two part-songs by Coleridge Taylor, and Mr. Bantock's choral "Love Son," enriched by the violin, 'cello, and harp *obbligati*.

Mr. Percy Whitehead sang groups of songs chosen and rendered according to his usual standard of refinement and musical interest, and Mr. Joseph Schofield, with Mr. Weaving, played the Grieg 'cello Sonata in A minor and some smaller pieces.

The proceeds of the concert are to assist the Citizens' Hall Fund.

The London Flour Millers' Association announces that the price of standard grade flour has been advanced by one shilling to fifty-five shillings for the London area. Prices in the country areas are one shilling per sack more.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King and Queen are not expected to return to Buckingham Palace till the beginning of February. Though nothing definite has been settled, there is a possibility that Their Majesties may hold at least two Courts before Lent. These would bring many people back to London at an earlier date than usual, and would be very popular.

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Except for his daily visit to the Bath Club the Prince of Wales has remained very quietly at York House since his return to London. His Royal Highness has been completing the arrangements for his tour in South Africa, and has appointed the various members of the suite who will be in attendance during the trip. On Tuesday the French Ambassador (Mons. de Fleuriau) and Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard were received by the Prince at St. James's Palace.

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Prince Henry is having a few days' shooting with Lord William Scott over the Duke of Buccleuch's preserves at Longholm. Princess Marie Louise, who has been staying at Chelmsford, has rejoined Princess Helena Victoria at Schomberg House. The Crown Princess of Rumania is expected to arrive shortly in London and will remain in England for four or five weeks.

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The Duchess of Atholl will preside at a luncheon given by the Girls' Realm Guild in London on February 23rd, when the Marchioness of Carisbrooke will be the guest of honour, and Miss Sybil Thorndike, Dr. Elizabeth Sloan Chesser and Mr. W. B. Maxwell will address the gathering.

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Lady Evelyn Baring has left London for Paris to join her husband, the Hon. Hugo Baring, and their son. Lady Southampton and the Hon. Victoria Fitzroy have arrived in London, and are spending a few days at the Ritz Hotel. They will return at the end of the week to Rockcliffe Park for Miss Fitzroy's wedding on January 21st. Lord Forres, who has been staying at Mentone, returned to London this week. Sir John and Lady Lavery have returned to London from the Continent.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brunner gave a dinner party at the Carlton Hotel on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Miss Shelagh Brunner, and Prince Ferdinand Andreas de Liechtenstein. Their Irish guests included Lord Louth, Florence Lady Garvagh, Sir Edward Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rattigan, Mr. Brian Rattigan, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Houston, Mr. Ian Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dillon.

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Mr. and Lady Mary Corbally will leave Rathbeale, Swords, this month for England. They will let Rathbeale to Lord and Lady De Freyne for four months. Sir Harold Nutting continues to make good progress after his recent hunting accident. He and Lady Nutting will leave Brocksford in the spring, and will go into residence at Quinby Hall, in Leicestershire.

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A large company assembled in the Metropole ballroom, Dublin, on Tuesday night for the dance in aid of the St. John Ambulance appeal. Parties were brought by Sir John and Lady Lumsden, Mr. P. Glynn, Mr. and Mrs. Bolger, Mrs. W. R. Murphy and many others. Mrs. Bolger and the committee in charge of the arrangements were congratulated on their well-merited success.

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There was a large attendance at the Carlow Hunt ball on Tuesday night last, in the Club House, Carlow. The hall was well lighted and decorated, and the music was supplied by Mr. Manahan's band.

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The marriage of Robert J. Robertson, London, and Grace, daughter of Mrs. and the late J. J. Egan, 12 Longford terrace, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, will take place quietly early next month.

Belvedere College Union are holding their Annual Dance on Friday. The Secretaries are Messrs. Meleady and McGrath, 81 Lower Mount street. 'Phone 1249.

An exceedingly attractive offer is made this week of Velour Coats in this season's shapes and colourings, trimmed various furs, tailor-made. Sale price, 89s. 6d., 5 gns., and 5½ gns. Half the regular prices.—Switzers, Grafton st.

At Holmes' Sale—Frocks and Gowns—Our stock in this section has been gone through, and actual values disregarded to effect a clearance. Models half price and in many cases less than half price.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Gt. George's st.

At Madame Renée's Genuine Reduction Sale there are some wonderful bargains in Gowns, Coats, Millinery, etc.—Harry street (off Grafton street).

Model Evening Gowns at tempting prices at Slyne's Sale, 71 Grafton street.

Notable Bargains in Kiddies' and Girls' Coats at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street, 1 and 2 Harry street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals.—Mrs. Fogarty, Thomas Bourke, S. E. Twining, Mrs. Littledale, Miss McAlister, Rev. S. F. Kellett.

Departures.—Mrs. W. McCarton Mooney, Mrs. N. T. Anthony, Archdeacon or Ardagh, M. H. D. Hanna, Henry Dowd, C. H. Dowd, Miss G. Preston, Miss M. Cooper, Miss Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Orpen, Mrs. James Stephens, Miss Weinberger, Miss Gillespie, B. Marks, N. Marks, R. and Mrs. E. Martin, James Stephens, jun.; Mr. R. Peacocke, Colonel and Mrs. Galloway, J. R. Dermot Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hilliard, Desmond Longworth Dames, Dr. H. Ruben, Mrs. A. M. Lyons, Miss Lyons, Ralph Reginald Smyth, Dr. W. J. Deighan.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney and Co.'s Great Winter Sale, this and coming days. Write for Price List.

A Great Sale of Boys' and Youths' High-class Clothing and Outfitting now on. Genuine Bargains at "Our Boys'" House, 24 Wicklow street.

The Mansfield Sisters' Sale ends this week. Further reductions in all departments. Model Evening Gowns very much reduced.—26 Wicklow street.

During this month we are selling Carpets made up from remnants and last year's patterns at a considerable reduction. Inspection invited.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

Gibson and Co., Ladies' Tailors. Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lr r Baggot st. Second Week of Sale.—Gowns, Millinery, Wrap Coats and Furs, some choice and distinctive French models, clearing at and under cost prices, to make room for early Spring goods.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Mourning Orders receive prompt attention. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—The very deep depression north of the British Isles is moving away rapidly north-east, but there is still a trough of low pressure west and south-west of Ireland, though moving little. Winds will be mainly south or south-west, moderate generally, with local rain or drizzle, and a moderate or rather mild temperature.

Ireland. — Wind south-westerly or southerly, mainly moderate; cloudy; local rain or drizzle, some fairer periods; mist in places; temperature moderate or rather mild.

All Seaboards.—Wind south-westerly or southerly, mainly moderate; cloudy; local rain or drizzle, some fairer periods; mist in places; sea moderate.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Wednesday (5 p.m.) 29.90

SUN.

To-day....	Rises	8.33	Sets	4.36
To-morrow..	„	8.32	„	4.38
Lighting-up	Time			5.36

HIGH WATER.

DUBLIN.

To-day....	Morning	2.25	Afternoon	2.45
To-morrow..	„	3. 6	„	3.28

MR. MONTAGUE NORMAN'S RETURN.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Mr. Montague Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, sailed to-day in the steamship France.—(Reuter.)

One of the most important factors in favour of the steel industry is that our credit stands higher than anywhere else in the world.—Sir William Larke.

THE POUND UP AGAIN.

NOW WORTH 19/8 IN NEW YORK.

FROM A FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

To-day was notable in foreign exchange dealings for a rather wide movement for one day in sterling.

The exchange against dollars in the forenoon was at its lowest for ten days, being 4.75¾, which is about the exchange we would have got for 19/6 before the war. By the time the final business of the day was reached the quotation was up to 4.77½, or equal to 19/8 worth of dollars at pre-war rates.

A movement of over two cents in so short a space was not so singular, as the fact that two cents were lost and regained in the course of one day.

During the early period of sterling's rise in dollars, French francs moved with the £ very faithfully. They then moved for a week more in line with dollars.

Now they are moving pretty closely with sterling again, to-night's quotations, at 89.32½, being very much like the previous night's. Lire are very weak, on fears of an Italian crisis. They slumped to 115.87½ to-day.

SULGRAVE MANOR.

£20,000 ENDOWMENT FUND COMPLETED.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

A subscription of one hundred thousand dollars (£20,000) for the endowment of Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, the home of George Washington's ancestors, completes a graceful act, inspired by a desire to further Anglo-American friendship. The Sulgrave Institution, founded fourteen years ago, has now associates in every State, including leaders of all parties, and it endeavours to promote good-will and prevent misunderstanding.

The 1914 celebrations of the hundred years' peace between the United States and Great Britain inspired the ideal of the purchase of Sulgrave as a permanent shrine to which Americans might make pilgrimages during European tours. Funds were required after the war for the preservation, improvements to, and permanent endowment of Sulgrave Manor, and the British Committee asked for American help from the Daughters of the Revolution and the Colonial Dames' Societies, which formed a National Committee, of which Mrs. William Adams Brown was Chairman.

Mrs. Joseph Lamer, President of the National Society of Colonial Dames, says that, thanks to the generous help of the public, the fund is now completed, and will soon be transferred to permanent trustees.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

PRINCE'S GOLDEN BRIDE.

CEREMONY AT BROMPTON ORATORY.

A golden wedding, in a special sense, was celebrated yesterday morning at the Brompton Oratory, London, where Miss Shelagh Brunner, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Brunner, of Belmont Hall, Northwich, was married to Prince Ferdinand Andreas de Liechtenstein. The bridal procession was a gold one. The bride wore a gown of gold *lamé*, a long train of gold, a gold lace veil, a gold-leaved coronet, and she carried a sprig of orange buds. Her eight bridesmaids wore mediæval dresses of gold, with pretty mediæval headdress of gold tulle.

The only touches of other colour were the ruby-red slashings in their long, straight skirts, and the ruby stones in the headdresses. They carried bouquets of mimosa and big white lillies, and each had a golden-bound Prayer Book, with the Prince's initials. Princess Abrielle, the bridegroom's sister, held the bride's train.

The Pope's blessing upon the marriage came by telegram, which was read from the chancel steps by Father Christie, who performed the ceremony.

The ceremony was short and simple, the only addition to the usual sequence being the presentation to the bridegroom, according to the Liechtenstein custom, of a handful of coins by the best man, Count Brody, who was in picturesque Hungarian dress.

When white heather favours had been distributed by the bridesmaids among the guests, Mass was sung by the Oratory choir. The Wedding March from "Lohengrin" was played as the procession left the church.

Hundreds of guests attended the reception at Claridge's, where a three-tiered wedding cake was cut. The bride's going-away dress and hat were red, and she wore a leopard skin coat. The honeymoon is to be spent partly in Algiers and partly in Italy.

OBITUARY.

THE REV. WILLIAM KNOX.

The death has taken place at Grange-over-Sands, Lancashire, of the Rev. William Knox, who was diocesan curate for Derry and Raphoe until last year, when he retired owing to failing health. Mr. Knox was a graduate of Oxford, and was ordained in 1886 as curate of Drummaul, County Antrim. In 1890 he went to St. Paul's, Burnley, but returned to Ireland in 1893 as curate in Londonderry Cathedral. In 1902 he was appointed chaplain for the Treaty Ports, Hong Kong, and from 1907 to 1917 he was priest in charge of St. Mark's, Kenning Park, Glasgow. He was curate in Londonderry Cathedral again until 1921.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

MR. BARNES DISAPPOINTED.

Mr. G. N. Barnes, speaking at Wigan yesterday, said that chief among the disappointments of the League of Nations was, perhaps, the fact that the small nations, on whose behalf so much blood had been shed and so much sacrifice made, had not fulfilled the expectations formed of them.

Extreme application of "self-determination" had not worked out in practice as many expected it would. For his part, he believed that the principle of world unity was infinitely more important than "self-determination," but in the present phase of the world's industry we must expect demands for each nation to paddle its own canoe. Since they had got that right, some of the nations had been obsessed with the idea of removing their neighbour's landmarks.

Referring to the protocol drawn up at Geneva, he described it as one of the most important documents ever issued. Upon the reception given it would depend whether the burden of armaments will be lessened, thus also lessening the poverty of peoples and the risks of future wars.

REPUBLICAN POLICY.

NOT TO TAKE SEATS IN DAIL: MR. DE VALERA'S STATEMENT.

Alluding to the rumour that Republican candidates returned at elections for membership of the Dail now propose to take their seats, Mr. de Valera stated yesterday that the Party has not changed from its policy of abstention.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Cinderella," 7.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal—"Jack and the Beanstalk," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Puss in Boots," 6.50 and 9.
Olympia Theatre—"Dick Whittington and his Cat," 7 and 9 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"Juno and the Paycock," 8 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"The Ten Commandments."
La Scala Theatre—"The White Sister," 3, 5.30, and 8 p.m.
Grafton Picture House—"Flowing Gold."
Sackville Picture House—"The Thrill Chaser."
Carlton Cinema—"A Boy of Flanders."
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"Don't Call It Love," 4.30 to 10.30 p.m.
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—"Her Accidental Husband."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Rupert of Hentzau," 3 to 10.15 p.m.
Dublin Port and Docks Board, 1 p.m.
Central Criminal Court—Green Street, 11 a.m.
Dublin Circuit Court—Dublin Castle, 11 a.m.
Grangegorman Mental Hospital, 12.30 o'clock.
Dublin Naturalists' Field Club—Royal Academy House, 8 o'clock.

LONDON LETTER.

INTER-ALLIED DEBTS.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

It is too soon fully to appreciate the work of the British delegation, headed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, which returned from Paris this evening. The Conference was called ostensibly to consider the appropriation of the reparation payments to be made by Germany under the Dawes plan, and on this matter a considerable degree of success has been achieved. Underlying the whole proceedings, however, has been the subject of inter-Allied indebtedness, and probably quite as much time has been spent by the British delegates upon this subject as upon the matters officially before the Conference. How far these informal conversations proceeded, and how far it was discovered that the views of the representatives coincided, has yet to be revealed. Any suggestions discussed, however, scarcely could be agreed to by the delegates present without consultation with their Governments. In all probability, the ground has been prepared for a further conference, and in the meantime the several Cabinets concerned will have more material to work upon than was the case before the negotiations began.

Trade Disputes.

Trade disputes threaten all round. Every industry is more or less infected with the strike spirit. Reason, however, seems to permeate shipbuilding circles, where masters and men are settling down to adjust their troubles at periodical round-table conferences. But the "Red" element, apprehensive that a contented proletariat would be its greatest enemy, is exerting all the sinister influences which it can command to render these amicable arrangements abortive. One of the first problems which the conferences will tackle will be regulation of wages according to fluctuation of the industry, and the result of discussions on this subject will be watched with great public interest, as any settlement on such a basis would be bound to have far-reaching effects through the industrial world. As an instance of what Labour disputes cost the men's organisations, which is only one phase of the general debit account, the Boilermakers' Society expended on strikes during the last five years 25 *per cent.* more than the total sum spent on trade disputes in the whole of the fifty preceding years.

Singapore.

An important point in connection with the new naval base at Singapore is the reinforcing of the present garrison. The Army, having been cut down to the irreducible *minimum*, is hardly in a position to meet further overseas commitments. Evacuation of the Ruhr would release a considerable body of troops for service elsewhere, but not a sufficient quota of heavy batteries, which are the primary essential for garrisoning this Far East base. It is possible, therefore, that the Royal Regiment may have to raise a number of additional heavy batteries unless the interesting proposal should mature that Australia should contribute permanently to the defences a certain proportion of artillery *personnel* from the Commonwealth forces. The Royal Air Force will be sending a strong contingent, the details of its composition being under consideration. The present garrison of regular troops consists of one battery only of heavy artillery, a company of fortress engineers, a battalion of infantry, and some details of the administrative services. There is in addition a local company of gunners.

The Prince's Tour.

Arrangements for the Prince of Wales's tour are now almost complete. The battle cruiser Repulse, which has been specially fitted out for the Prince's accommodation, is due to leave Portsmouth on or about March 25th. Her first port of call will be Bathurst, the capital of Gambia, on the West Coast of Africa, where she is due on April 1st. On April 3rd and 4th she will be off Sierra Leone, and during the following week will visit Sekondi and Accra, in the Gold Coast Colony. The longest stay in West African waters will be off Lagos from April 11th to 22nd. Thence the ship will go direct to Cape Town, arriving on April 30th, and remaining there or in the vicinity until about July 16th. Having re-embarked the Prince, the Repulse will call at St. Helena from July 21st to 23rd, and will then cross for the South American visit, which is due to begin on July 31st.

The Press Club.

Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Winston Churchill have accepted invitations to lunch at the London Press Club on Thursday week, and it is expected that both will make important, if necessarily brief, speeches. The Prime Minister may give a rough sketch of what Parliament will be expected to do during the coming session, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have a few interesting things to say about his visit to Paris.

Essex in Difficulties.

Serious financial difficulties face the Essex County Cricket Club, and last week there was a prospect of the club being compelled to ask the M.C.C. to cancel its fixtures in the County Championship competition next summer. A guarantee of £1,000 is necessary to enable the club to continue, and there is every prospect of guarantors from all over the county enabling their unfortunate club to carry on. This is not the first time that the Essex team has been in financial trouble, but it has usually been able to surmount the difficulties in time to take the field for the opening of the County Championship. The present position is largely attributable to the wet summer of last year, and, given a reasonably fine spell during the coming season, it is hoped that attendance at Leyton will show a considerable increase.

"The Birdcage."

For some years a skeleton structure of steel-work, come to be known as "The Birdcage," has been one of the most conspicuous landmarks of Piccadilly. Various proposals have been made for the completion of the building by the construction of hotels, clubs, residential flats or offices, but all have failed to mature. The original intention was the erection of a new hotel, and about £50,000 was spent upon the frame-work on the site, which covers over thirty-five thousand square feet, when the war put an end to the work. The position is a prominent one, overlooking the Green Park, and the ground rent is not far short of £10,000 a year. If negotiations, now in progress, are brought to a satisfactory conclusion, a new hotel will be put up at a cost of nearly £1,000,000, and, incidentally, employment will be given to a large number of men for a year or more.

"Cox's."

The premises formerly occupied by Messrs. Cox and Co., the Army and Air Force agents at Charing Cross, which have now been acquired by the National Bank, stand at a prominent corner of Trafalgar square. The building will never be forgotten by ex-officers, the majority of whom have tender memories of more or less regular visits to "Uncle Cox." None of the three old Army agents now has a separate existence. The identity of Cox and Company and Holt and Company has been merged in larger banking concerns, and McGrigor and Company has ceased to exist.

I wish that the railway companies, instead of providing special carriages for smokers would have special compartments for talkers.—Dean Inge.

IRISH STORM HAVOC.

WORST GALE FOR 20 YEARS.

SHIPPING DELAYED.

FLOODING IN MANY TOWNS.

The storm which blew over Dublin on Tuesday night appears to have visited all parts of the country. Although the gale was one of the most severe which has been experienced for years, the material damage on land was not great.

In the Channel shipping was delayed by the storm and the heavy seas. The steamer Cardiff Hall, bound from Buenos Ayres to Cork, was driven ashore on the rocks south of the Old Head of Kinsale, County Cork, and all of the crew were lost. The schooner Cambron was driven ashore at Arthurstown Strand, County Waterford, and is in a precarious position.

The storm is stated to have been the most severe that has been experienced in Ireland since the gale of 1903. January storms have a reputation for severity. January 6th, 1839, is still spoken of in Ireland as "the night of the big wind." In January, 1814, the streets of Dublin are said to have been nearly impassable for three weeks owing to heavy snowfalls. A relief fund which was opened by the Lord Mayor realised a sum of £10,000. Watson's Dublin Almanac of 1830 states that a frost which began on December 29th, 1739, and lasted until February 8th, 1740, caused the Liffey to be frozen, permitting the citizens to walk on the ice. Famine and pestilence followed, making great havoc among the poor. Another great frost which began on Christmas Day, 1783, lasted until February 21st, 1784.

DUBLIN CITY.

DAMAGE IN PHŒNIX PARK.

SHIPPING DELAYED.

The destruction in Dublin chiefly consisted in the blowing down of chimney pots and slates and hoardings, and in some cases the breaking of large plate glass shop windows. Glass signs and windows were broken in Westmoreland street, Talbot street, Eden quay, Dame street; and in Middle Gardiner street a chimney was blown down, and in its fall went through a roof into a bedroom, which was unoccupied at the time. Thirty feet of wall adjoining also collapsed. A wall collapsed in Liffey street, damaging Fallon's furniture stores. At Beresford place drain pipes, chimney pots, and other material were destroyed in Messrs. Brooks, Thomas and Co.'s premises. Hoardings and palings were stripped away at Capel street, Glasnevin and Inchicore.

On the outskirts of the city there was much destruction of trees, and in many directions roads were blocked with fallen timber. In Rathfarnham, Tallaght, Chapelizod and Lucan districts men were engaged yesterday clearing the roads for traffic. The well-known Pine Forest, at Rockbrook, suffered heavily, and further out trees were uprooted and blocked the road in Glendhu. Many residents whose cottages are built in the shelter of trees spent an anxious night.

TREES DESTROYED.

The trees in the Phœnix Park came in for very severe buffeting; and much damage was done but the havoc was not so great as in the big wind of 1903. Tuesday night's gale uprooted many trees and shrubs. The most serious damage was done to a beautiful plantation of palm and beech trees in close proximity to the Chief Secretary's Lodge. Here upwards of thirty trees were uprooted. On the road at the back of the Viceregal Lodge a couple of trees were torn up. At Castleknock and Islandbridge the gale also claimed its toll. At Whitegate, near Castleknock, half a dozen trees were blown down. Trees were also blown across the Lucan tram line beyond Chapelizod.

The telegraph and telephone systems suffered severely, and for some time there was no communication with England or with other parts of the country. Yesterday morning there was no telegraphic communication with the South except to Waterford and Limerick. Cork was isolated. There were no telephones to England, save by Waterford. Yesterday evening telegraphic communication had been restored with Waterford, Cork and Limerick, and one line was working to London *via* Waterford. The wires *via* Howth and Newcastle were down on the Welsh side. The telephone service was also affected, and there were no trunks to Cork, Limerick, Tipperary, Naas, Newbridge, Arklow, Wexford, Liverpool, or London.

SPEEDY REPAIR WORK.

The Engineering Department of the Posts and Telegraphs promptly set to work yesterday in restoring the services, and the result of its efforts is that there are now four wires in working order from Dublin to London, two each to Glasgow and Manchester, one to Liverpool, three to Cork, and two to Waterford. The only town of importance in the South that is still isolated is Killarney. In the matter of telephone service, much has been done in the brief time that has elapsed. Cork has a restricted service *via* Waterford. The service between Dublin and Belfast has not been restored, but there is a somewhat restricted service to the Northern city *via* Dundalk and Newry. Tipperary may also be reached *via* Maryborough.

About 200 subscribers in the Dublin telephone district were disconnected yesterday morning, and in the afternoon about 100 of them had been restarted.

CONDITIONS AT THE PORT.

At the port it was learned that, although very heavy seas were running, there had been no report of any serious damage to shipping. The usual sailings were much upset by the gale, and between ten o'clock on Tuesday night and the same hour yesterday morning there were no arrivals save one vessel—a schooner which had been forced to put about and make back to port because of the heavy seas and high winds. All the daily services to Dublin yesterday were affected, and vessels were very late in arriving—the first to enter the Liffey being the Slieve Gallion, of the London, Midland and Scottish Company, which made port about noon, several hours overdue. The British and Irish steamer from Liverpool was also much behind time, as were the Glasgow and Heysham boats. All of them reported very severe conditions outside, heavy seas, with a fierce wind blowing in terrific gusts.

The mail boat had a very rough passage crossing from Holyhead yesterday morning, and did not arrive in Kingstown until after 7 o'clock. There was a delay of forty-five minutes in starting, and the rough sea caused a further loss of time.

BELFAST.

FOOTBALL PAVILION UNROOFED.

MANY INJURED BY FALLING SLATES.

A gale, which at times reached hurricane force, swept over Belfast and district on Tuesday night, and considerable damage was done to property. Portion of the roof of the stand at Glentoran football ground was lifted off and blown over the County Down Railway line.

Several persons were admitted to hospital, suffering from minor injuries caused, presumably, by falling slates. At Whitehead, on the County Antrim side of Belfast Lough, huge waves undermined and completely de-

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WRECK ON CORK COAST.

STEAMER BATTERED TO PIECES.

ALL HANDS LOST.

During the height of the storm on Tuesday night the British steamer Cardiff Hall, from the River Plate for Cork, with a cargo of grain, went ashore near Clonakilty, on the coast of the County Cork, and was pounded to pieces in a short time.

All of the crew were lost. Two of the bodies were washed ashore yesterday.

HELPERS POWERLESS.

BADLY BRUISED BODIES WASHED UP.

The Cardiff Hall, which was a steamer of 3,944 tons, was lost within hailing distance of the shore at a place known as the Seven Heads. All hands went down with the ill-fated vessel, and no evidence is forthcoming that there is a single survivor.

Two bodies were washed ashore at Dunworley, one being that of a heavily buiult man of about 50 years of age, clean shaven, and grey haired. The body was clothed only in a shirt, which was torn and bloodstained, and bore ample evidence of the seaman's terrible sufferings when he was dashed against the rocks. The head was badly cut, and there were scars on the chest.

The second body was naked when picked up to the eastward of the Seven Heads. The head had several serious scalp wounds, and one shin bone was protruding from the flesh. The body was that of a young man of about 30 years, of powerful physique, he was dark haired, and clean shaven. Up to eight o'clock last night there is no clue regarding the fate of the remainder of the crew.

A pathetic feature of the wreck is that the vessel was within shouting distance of the shore when she struck the rocks due south of the Seven Heads. Her siren was heard by those on shore as she was being driven towards the treacherous reef.

The watchman on the cliff ladder station, belonging to the Coast Line Saving Service, which overlooks the scene of the wreck, as well as the staff of Barryscove Life Saving Company, were quickly on the scene, but the violence of the southerly gale and the intense darkness of the night rendered impossible any attempts at rescue.

A heroic effort was also made to launch the life-boat, but it was only too evident that no small craft could live in such a storm.

The end came with tragic suddenness. While men with lanterns, and powerless to offer help, lined the beach and cliffs, an agonised shout went up from the crew, followed by a deafening crash, as the doomed vessel struck the rocks. Ten minutes later wreckage was being washed ashore.

Diligent searches were made throughout the night for any survivors who might reach the shore. One hour after the vessel had struck, a body was picked up. First aid was rendered, but without result. A second body was observed coming in, but was taken out to sea by the receding waves.

The scene of the wreck presented a strange spectacle on Wednesday morning. The coast line in the vicinity was strewn with wreckage and tons of maize were being washed up on the rocks.

An inquest will be held on the bodies at Butlerstown to-day.

LIFEBUOY DRIVEN ASHORE.

Lloyd's Agent at Queenstown telegraphed last night:—"Visited scene of wreck of steamer Cardiff Hall. Struck south point Seven Heads, Clonakilty, about 9 p.m., 13th, during heavy southerly gale; went to pieces immediately; no portion visible. Quantity of broken timber washed ashore; also a lifebuoy marked Cardiff Hall. A small quantity of maize washed on the cliffs. All hands lost. Two bodies washed ashore."

Our Queenstown Correspondent telegraphs that when news of the wreck was received there a tug left immediately, and had not returned up to a late hour yesterday evening.

LIGHTSHIP BLOWN AWAY.

Daunt's Rock lightship was driven over two miles north-east of her original position. This lightship is a well-known guide to mariners bound either to or from Cork Harbour.

GREAT SEAS IN THE CHANNEL.

LIFEBOAT'S WORK AT HOLYHEAD.

The gale in the Irish Channel was accompanied by tremendous seas, and steamers on the cross-Channel traffic had a very trying experience. The Holyhead steam lifeboat was twice called out to the assistance of vessels in distress. But for a wireless message sent out by a steamer which seemed to be in difficulties the boat would have had to make a third journey. The wind attained a velocity of from sixty to seventy miles an hour, while the waves were so high that the Holyhead breakwater was frequently obscured from view. Considerable damage was done on land, and the telegraph and telephone lines were temporarily placed out of action, rendering communication impossible.

The lifeboat was first called out at about ten o'clock, in response to signals of distress from the schooner Betsy Bell, which was bound from Bideford to Garston, with a crew of five on board. She was in grave danger of being dashed on the breakwater, and the lifeboat found it impossible to get alongside. The crew took the risk of reaching the safety of the breakwater by crawling in single file along the bowsprit. By this means they reached safety, thence they walked to the Sailors' Rest, a distance of two miles, where they were made comfortable by the matron, Mrs. Seal.

Shortly afterwards the railway company's officials received a wireless message from the steamer Beston, to the effect that she was not leaking, as had at one time been feared, through having come into contact with the breakwater. The lifeboat could not approach as the steamer was moving about, and shortly afterwards she signalled that she was proceeding to Liverpool. The schooner, Ellen Anne, bound for Garston from Ludlow, with a crew of four aboard, also sent up flares, and the lifeboat went out and took off the crew, who were also accommodated at the Sailors' Rest. This vessel had dragged her anchor, and was in great danger when the lifeboat arrived on the scene.

The cross-Channel steamers experienced exceptionally rough passages. The Galteemore, with cargo, from Greenore, arrived at Holyhead five hours late. So furiously was the storm raging in the early hours of yesterday morning that it was deemed prudent not to despatch the cargo steamer, Slieve Gallion, to the North Wall at her usual time, and she left for the Irish port at 7.15—four hours late.

GALE ON SCOTTISH COAST.

The fierce southerly gale which sprang up on the East coast of Scotland late on Tuesday night, continued to blow till early yesterday morning. Scores of trees, some of which blocked the thoroughfares, were uprooted, and in many cases telephone communication was cut off. The gale was even worse at sea, and a number of vessels were compelled to put about and seek shelter.

ALLEGED STOLEN CHEQUE.

BOXER SENT TO PRISON.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Alfred Goodwin, a former middle-weight champion of Europe, who was beaten in 1925 by Francis Charles, appeared before the Twelfth Correctional Tribunal, to answer a charge of having presented for payment in a Montmartre restaurant, a cheque alleged to have been stolen in England. Goodwin pleaded not guilty, declaring that he had bought the cheque from an individual who could not be found. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and a fine of 500 francs, without benefit of the First Offenders Act.—(Reuter.)

MAIL TRAIN ROBBERY.

COOL AMERICAN YOUTH SECURES £2,000.

SINGLE-HANDED COUP.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

New York had a thrill of the Wild West yesterday evening, when, on Long Island, within a few miles of the heart of the city, a youthful robber, single-handed, held up a railway postal clerk in a suburban train and stole upwards of ten thousand dollars (two thousand pounds) in bank notes from a pouch of registered mail.

He had only four minutes—the time between the stations of Bellmore and Merrick—in which to accomplish the task and make his escape, but he worked with such precision as to give no impression of haste.

At Bellmore the postal clerk, John Green, received from the stationmaster three pouches of mail destined for New York. One of them contained registered parcels.

As he turned to close the sliding door in the side of the mail van, he found himself confronted by an undersized youth, whose mouth and chin were covered by a handkerchief.

Pointing a revolver at Green, the robber issued a few quiet directions: "Leave that door open, unlock the registered mail bag, and hand over the package from the Bellmore Bank."

Green did as he was told. When the robber was satisfied that he had what he wanted, he ordered Green to the front platform of the van, directly behind the tender, and closed the door behind him.

A minute later the train slowed down for Merrick Station. Green dropped off, climbed on again at the rear of the train, and breathlessly told the guard what had occurred. They hurried through to the mail van and found that the robber had gone.

Within three minutes after he was last seen by Green there was an alarm out for him throughout the Metropolitan district, but after a search lasting for several hours no trace of him could be found.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

SECRET SOCIETIES IN ITALY.

THE VATICAN'S VIEW OF NEW LEGISLATION.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Wednesday.

The experts of Canonical Law at the Vatican are closely studying the text of Signor Mussolini's proposed legislation to regulate secret societies, a high Church official informed me to-day.

The Vatican is especially exercised over the sweeping character of the first paragraph of the bill, which is aimed primarily at the Freemasons. It is held by experts at the Vatican, however, that Jesuits, Dominicans, Franciscans, and other Religious Orders may be construed as coming under the provisions of the regulations. It is pointed out that the publication of their constitution, membership and internal laws would violate certain Canonical rules.

While the Vatican is quite sure that Signor Mussolini is not aiming his campaign against the Church, it would strenuously object, it is said, to having such a law placed on the Statute books, on the ground that some future Government might use it against the Church. The provision that the publication of the Constitution and membership lists must only be made upon demand of the Government is held to be an inadequate safe guard for religious Orders.

If the Vatican experts, as a result of the current investigation, conclude that the Church interests are jeopardised, a protest will, doubtless, be forthcoming from the Pope. This action on the part of the Vatican may bring important changes restricting the law purely to non-religious societies.

FLAT SUNK IN THE MERSEY.

TWO LIVES LOST.

The flat, Bankhall, belonging to Lever Brothers, Port Sunlight, sank during heavy seas in the Mersey early yesterday morning when making for Bromboro' Port Dock. The Liverpool Salvage Association is standing by waiting for low water to commence operations.

The mishap occurred at 4 a.m. Both the captain and engineer were lost, but the captain's grandson, James Sharp, a youth of nineteen, the apprentice, was picked up by the ss. Davy, after swimming for a quarter of an hour. The lost skipper is Captain J. Lucas, of Irvine terrace, New Ferry, Birkenhead. The heavy gale swamped the flat, and all three were thrown into the water.

TRAWLER LOST OFF ICELAND.

News was received at Hull last night that the trawler, Viscount Allenby, has been lost off Iceland, but that the crew are safe. Stormy weather prevailed at the time.

BIG THEFT OF GELIGNITE.

RAID ON A LIMERICK QUARRY.

It has been reported to the Limerick Civic Guards that Lemonfield Quarry, where the Limerick Corporation is quarrying, was raided early yesterday morning, and 270lb. of gelignite, twenty-six detonators, one tester and one cable were stolen.

"UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE."

SEQUEL TO SENTENCE ON DERRY JEWELLER.

Joseph Ross, a prominent Londonderry jeweller, who was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment at the Ulster Winter Assizes last month for an alleged criminal assault on a girl, was yesterday unconditionally released by order of the Governor of Northern Ireland.

Our Londonderry Correspondent writes:—Joseph Ross, who carried on business as a jeweller in the city, was released following a petition to the Governor of Northern Ireland.

The girl concerned in the allegation, Lily White, a domestic servant, came under notice in Belfast towards the end of last month by a story that an attempt had been made by men in a motor car to kidnap her. Later she confessed that there was no truth in the story.

SUBMARINE AGROUND.

CAPTAIN REFUSES OFFER OF ASSISTANCE.

CHATHAM, MASS., Wednesday.

After an all day battle with the heavy seas, coastguards succeeded in getting a boat alongside the submarine S 19, which is ashore near Nausett Beach, off Orleans Harbour, Cape Cod.

The Commander, however, declined the offer of assistance, preferring to remain on board. The crew, therefore, spent last night on the submarine, which is still firm on the outer bar.

It is believed that she is not damaged, and it is expected that she will be re-floated at flood tide to-day.—(Reuter.)

THE ALLIES IN AGREEMENT.

RESULTS OF PARIS CONFERENCE.

"SATISFIED."

AMERICA'S INTEREST IN EUROPE.

"NOBODY got all he hoped for, but everybody, on the whole, is pretty well satisfied." That was how a member of Mr. Churchill's party summed up the Paris Conference when the Chancellor of the Exchequer arrived at Victoria Station, London, last night. Mr. Churchill himself was much less communicative. His statement was confined to the one word, "Quite," when somebody asked him if he was satisfied with the outcome of his visit. He seemed, however, to be in a very good humour.

M. CLEMENTEL'S SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

The Inter-Allied Conference broke up this morning in an atmosphere of congratulation, and Mr. Churchill has gone home. In a much shorter time than many anticipated, the Conference has brought order into an unexampled chaos of figures, claims and counter-claims, and though there have been sacrifices, which will be magnified or made light of according to the point of view, the delegates generally express satisfaction. This is, perhaps, the first financial conference since the war at which agreement has been signed at once on behalf of all the parties represented.

Mr. Churchill paid a tribute to his fellow-workers when he said in a speech at the close of the Conference that he had never witnessed a greater amount of goodwill or greater readiness to sink partial views in the common interest.

AMERICA'S CLAIMS.

From this latter standpoint it is, undoubtedly, the arrangement with America which has given most satisfaction, bringing back America, as it does, into the counsels of what M. Herriot, the French Premier, this morning called "The great family of the Allies." The result was obtained only after hard bargaining and many lively passages, and Mr. Churchill should himself share the warm tribute which he paid to his colleagues.

America has received substantial satisfaction of her claims, both in respect of her Army costs and her war damages, but whatever concessions she has gained appear to her in a broad view to be helpful and not burdensome to the Allies as a body.

The French are especially pleased with this re-entry of America, and already the hope is echoed this evening that it will have the effect of keeping Germany to her obligations. The French mind appears to be dwelling gratefully also upon the prospects of such an arrangement with Great Britain with regard to the war debts as would rob that bogey of its terrors and avoid serious disturbance of French finance.

THE FRENCH DEBT.

M. Clementel, addressing the full Assembly this morning, said that one of the first problems to be solved was settlement of the debts in a friendly, and he might say, fraternal spirit.

"We shall succeed," he added, "if we remember that such problems can only find their solution in justice, equity, and the maintenance of that fraternity which united us during the war."

It is expected here that the British Government will reply almost immediately to the French inquiry as to its present attitude towards the debt—whether it is still based on the policy announced in the Balfour Note, and, if not, in what sense it has changed.

It is being suggested once more that a Debts Conference will be called next month, or at least that M. Clementel will go to London to prepare one. In British circles here such talk is regarded as premature at the least.

It is not known what is the total sum England now expects to receive from France or other Allies, and, still less, whether she is ready to agree, even in principle, to receive payment by a transfer of her part of the French percentage of the German annuities. M. Clementel will hardly go to London before a basis for discussion is agreed upon. In any case, there is no question at present of a general conference on the debts.

POINTS IN THE AGREEMENT.

The following particulars of the general agreement now arrived at supplement those already telegraphed:—

America receives recognition of her claim to war damages in the form of a 2¼ per cent. of the reparations payments, which, however, must not exceed £2,250,000 in any year. In addition, she will enjoy from September 1, 1926, a priority of £2,750,000 a year in repayment, without interest, of the costs of her Army on the Rhine, amounting to £50,000,000. The debt is thus to be extinguished in seventeen years from that date.

Belgium will continue to receive her share of 8 per cent. until her priority has matured, which shall not be later than September 1 next year, when her percentage drops to 4½. The 3½ per cent. thus taken from the Belgian share will be attributed to France and England in payment of the arrears due to them under their particular Spa percentages.

The Ruhr accounts are to go to the Reparations Commission, which will determine the deductions to be allowed to France and Belgium from the receipts in respect of expenditure incurred by them. Only the extra cost of the troops employed over their cost, after they have remained in home garrisons, will be allowed, and such deducton is to be charged against deliveries in kind.

The net balance of the amount, so far as it represents cash, is to be paid to Belgium towards her priority. France and Belgium are allowed to deduct the cost of unloading coal in the Ruhr and for civil machinery installed there from the cash receipts.

It is confirmed that the arrangement for Army costs in the Rhineland is made for one year only, and will be subject to revision before September next. No charge can be made against the Dawes annuities in respect of troops for the Ruhr.

Under the new arrangement the charge for the Allied Armies in the Rhineland is limited to £6,000,000, of which the British share is £1,250,000. Any further sums spent must be met by the Powers spending them out of their reparation receipts, but they will be able to recover later the shortage of reparations thus caused.

Italy has scored a valuable point under the new arrangement. On her percentage of 10 per cent. she should have received as her share of the reparations up to date £10,000,000. She has had over £30,000,000, and should pay back £20,000,000, chiefly to Great Britain and France. Her 10 per cent. is now to be calculated on £200,000,000, the total sum paid by Germany to date, including the £100,000,000 of the Belgian priority, and she will be asked to pay back, therefore, only half of the £20,000,000.

EXPLOSION IN THE MEDWAY.

3 MEN KILLED AND 4 INJURED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CHATHAM, Wednesday.

Three workmen were killed and four injured by an explosion at the works of the Medway Oil and Storage Company at Grain, on the banks of the Medway, immediately opposite Sheerness, and less than a mile from Port Victoria.

The dead are:—
T. Lee, Isle of Grain (killed instantly).
L. G. Cole, Chatham (killed instantly).
Thomas Arthur Letchford, Hopper's place, Rochester (died later in the day).

The injured, who were treated at Rochester Hospital, were:—
George Phillips, Edward G. Turner, Cyril G. W. Smith, George Askham.

Smith's injuries are slight, and he was able to go home from the hospital.

An oil tank, which was to be of 5,000 tons capacity, was in course of construction, and the men were engaged in welding on the roof with acetylene apparatus. The tank had contained petrol, but at the time of the explosion was filled with water.

Suddenly a terrific explosion occurred.

The roof was blown completely off, and the men were scattered in all directions.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. The flames, which shot into the air, and could be seen for a few minutes, were followed by clouds of smoke.

The shock of the explosion was felt in the Isle of Sheppey, five miles away. Assistance was sent from Sheerness Dockyard, by the Government tug West Creek, and from the battleship Ajax.

The Naval Oil Fuel Station escaped damage.

TRADE OF NORTH AND SOUTH.

NORTHERN MINISTRY'S ATTITUDE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

The suggestion in the *Irish Times* today that efforts ought to be made to develop a greater flow of trade between the Free State and Northern Ireland was the subject of discussion in business circles in Belfast. The necessity for some improvement upon the present position was generally admitted, and the hope was expressed that closer co-operation, either along the lines suggested or by some other means, might be evolved in the near future.

At present many matters arising from day to day cannot adequately be investigated, with the result that promising trade developments are stifled.

Several recent occurrences proved the necessity for traders having some means of ventilating their grievances in the respective areas, but as these means did not seem to exist, they had no alternative but to discontinue business relations, which were developing with every sign of promise. One such instance had reference to Customs duties. A firm was developing a business in an article of export that is not dutiable in the Free State. The usual Customs declaration was attached to the parcels, pointing out that the contents were not subject to duty, but, notwithstanding this, the parcels were opened.

The real cause of complaint, however, is that the contents of the parcels in the process of opening, handling and repacking were so much damaged as to be useless. Like occurrences were so frequent that the trader discontinued sending the goods. The result was a loss to him and his customers in the Free State, who were making a good profit by retailing the articles.

Similarly, there are many instances where exports from the Free State to Northern Ireland could be facilitated by the establishment of a Trade Commissioner in Belfast, or by close co-operation between the Ministries of Commerce in both areas. The precise method does not matter much so long as an effective medium of co-operation is established.

Traders generally in the North would welcome such co-operation, and probably would prefer a Free State trade office in Belfast, where first-hand information could be obtained at all times in regard to facilities for importing from and exporting to the Free State.

The Northern Minister of Commerce seems to favour closer co-operation between the Free State Ministry of Commerce and his own department. On inquiry at the Ministry today I received the following statement from the Right Hon. E. M. Archdale, M.P.:—"I am, of course, not in a position to offer any comment on your suggestion, except in so far as it relates to the appointment of an official Northern Ireland trade representative in Dublin. While my Ministry is at all times ready to assist in any trade development, I think that, bearing in mind the fact that the railway journey between Belfast and Dublin occupies only about two and a half to three hours, the desired end might be attained more economically by close co-operation between the departments in the respective areas whose function it is to look after commercial interests."

DANCING GIRL MYSTERY.

FATHER SURRENDERS TO THE POLICE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Events relating to the Bombay shooting sensation took a new turn to-day, when Mahomed Yusuf, the stepfather of the dancing girl, Mumtaz Begum, surrendered to the police. The girl was riding in a motor car with Abdul Kadir Baula on Malabar Hill on Monday, when a hired gang occupying another car attacked them, Baula, a rich young municipal counsellor, receiving fatal wounds, and the girl being severely injured by knife cuts.

Yusuf and the man who was seized by Lieutenant Searight were brought up at the Police Court to-day on charges of murder and abetment, and were remanded in custody. The latter, whose name is Ahmed Khan, is a tall, well-built man, obviously an upcountry Mahomedan. His head and hands were bandaged, and he pleaded that he was sick and wanted to go to hospital.

The stepfather said he was glad to be in police custody. He surrendered because his life was in grave danger. His wife at Amritsar, he said, had important documents bearing on the case, and he appealed to the magistrate to see that the documents were secured and the woman protected.

The magistrate agreed to the man's request.

The whole Bombay Press is indignant at the outrage, commenting strongly on the influences behind the conspiracy, and demanding that the whole power of the Government of India be employed in bringing those behind the scene to justice.

ENGLISHWOMAN'S JEWELS.

LOST IN A TAXI-CAB.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

An English lady, Mrs. Esthell Greig, who is on a visit here, left a jewel case containing diamonds worth £2,000 in a taxi-cab which she hired yesterday to take her from the Gare du Nord to the suburb of Neuilly with her luggage. When she arrived at her friend's house she took her luggage, but forgot the jewel case. The police were informed, and found the chauffeur, who said that, after being paid, he had taken up three young men, who told him to drive to a well-known boxing club. On the way they stopped him and told him to drive to the Gare du Nord, where they disappeared.

TOURIST TRAFFIC.

A CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN TO-DAY.

SUPPORT PROMISED BY ATLANTIC LINES.

An important advance is about to be made in the organisation of tourist traffic in the Free State.

At present three tourist organisation associations exist, based on Dublin, Cork and Galway respectively. The Dublin Association met yesterday at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, and adopted a resolution in favour of amalgamation. The other two societies had already adopted a similar resolution, and accordingly the joint meeting of representatives of all three associations, which will take place to-day, will proceed with the arrangements for making the amalgamation effective.

PUBLICITY PROMISED.

The deputation which was brought into conference with representatives of American shipping companies last Monday morning at the Euston headquarters of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company, included representatives of the three associations. The conference was brought about by the efforts of Senator the Right Hon. H. G. Burgess, General Manager of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, whose endeavours to enable the Irish case to be presented favourably were appreciated highly by the deputation.

The American representatives included officials of the Cunard Line and the Canadian Pacific. They promised to give extensive publicity to the attractions of the Free State to tourists. The combined publicity efforts of these organisations will be of great importance to the Free State. The deputation was told of the "Save for Travel" movement in the United States and of the development of tourist traffic among people who use the improved third-class accommodation, which is very different from the "steerage" accommodation formerly provided for emigrants.

The lessening of emigrant traffic has led the trans-Atlantic shipping companies to hearty encouragement of travel on the part of people who will save the cost of a third-class passage when they know that it includes decent and reasonably comfortable conditions.

Incidentally, the deputation returned convinced of the good-will of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company in support of tourist traffic in the Free State. Last year, as regards publicity and travelling facilities, the company concentrated—so, at least, it appeared to observers—on traffic to the North of Ireland. The deputation understood, after their interview, that the company will proceed now with a large scheme of publicity for Free State tourist attractions, and will give hearty support to the efforts of the Tourist Organisation Association on this side.

The deputation will report fully to the meeting to-day.

RATE FOR ADVERTISING.

A programme of work for the amalgamated association, we understand, will be a matter for consideration at to-day's meeting, at which also the part which may be taken by the Government of the Free State is also likely to have attention. We learn that the tourist business has already been given attention by three Departments—the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Publicity branch of the Ministry of External Affairs, and the Local Government Department. The last-named Department is concerned in relation to the Act which permits local authorities to strike a rate for advertising, and it may be assumed that sympathetic consideration will be given to proposals for amendment of that Act.

One of the weaknesses of the measure was the wording which was held to restrict contributions out of the rate towards a combined advertising effort by groups of authorities. Since the product of a penny rate in some of the smaller resorts, which have a low valuation, is an extremely small amount, which could not be applied economically to a separate advertising scheme, the value of the Act has not been what was anticipated.

Amendments which would seem desirable would authorise a higher rate where that was desired by districts largely dependent on the value of their amenities as health resorts for their prosperity, and would also give the authorities a wider choice of means of advertising and encouraging tourist traffic. In Northern Ireland the Act has been amended to the extent of increasing the permissible rate to threepence, but not, as yet, in any other respect.

NEW GERMAN CABINET.

MONARCHIST TO CONTROL HOME POLICY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Wednesday.

After a political crisis, which has lasted thirty-seven days, Germany is to have a new Cabinet, one in which the former Minister, Dr. Luther, will be Chancellor, and the Nationalists will have a dominating influence. The Junker intrigue to get a grip on a vital part of the German Government machinery has accordingly succeeded, mainly owing to the weakness of the Republican forces in the Reichstag.

Each of the three parties forming the new Coalition Government—the Nationalists, Centre, and People's Party—will be represented in the Cabinet by a leading politician, and by several civil servants.

Dr. Stresemann, as Foreign Minister, will represent the People's Party; Dr. Brauns, as Labour Minister, the Centre; while the important post of Minister of the Interior will be given to one of the Nationalist leaders.

The irony of the circumstance of a Monarchist as Minister of the Interior, controlling the home policy of Republican Germany, does not escape comment.

ATLANTIC RATES.

CANADA TO FIGHT THE "SHIPPING COMBINE."

OTTAWA, Wednesday.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Dominion Prime Minister, has announced the intention of the Government "to take steps during the coming session of Parliament to curb the operations of the North Atlantic Shipping Combine."

The announcement, which disclosed no details, was based on the report of Mr. W. J. R. Preston, who made exhaustive inquiries in Great Britain last year into the ocean freight rates under the combine's control, and the reason for discrimination against Canadian ports in favour of United States ports.

This report will be tabled in the House of Commons early in the session, and leigslation based upon it will be introduced soon afterwards.—(Reuter.)

GREEK POLICE FORCE.

RESULT OF BRITISH EFFORT.

ATHENS, Wednesday.

To-day saw the fruits of the work of the British Police Mission, under Sir Frederick Halliday, which for several years past has been re-organising the Greek Police, as distinguished from the gendarmerie, which will in future be confined to the rural areas. The new force will be the product of British training and British regulations. It was given an enthusiastic welcome this morning, all the Ministers being present at the ceremony, as well as Sir Frederick Halliday, and the members of the British Mission.—(Reuter.)

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IN ITALY.

ROME, Wednesday.

An earthquake shock was felt at 8.25 p.m. to-day at Solmona, in the Province of Aquila.—(Reuter.)

FOREST FIRE IN ITALY.

BASSANO, VENETIA, Wednesday.

Enormous damage has been done by a forest fire in the Ospedaletto district of the Trentino. Firemen and troops are helping to fight the flames, which are spreading.—(Reuter.)

LATE NEWS.

PARIS AGREEMENT.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

The Times, in a leading article on the Paris Agreement, says:—In a little over a week the Allied Ministers have reached a complete agreement, and it was signed in Paris yesterday, amid a chorus of appreciative speeches. That is no small achievement. It shows that those concerned have handled the delicate and complex problems involved with statesmanlike discretion and tact. The terms of settlement make it clear that each country has had to concede some portion of its claim in the interests of a general agreement.

A point of particular interest to British taxpayers is the amount that this country may expect to receive out of the first Dawes payment. On the figures the British share should be about seven to eight millions, including our share of Army costs. This amount will come to us mainly through the Reparation Recovery Act; for this year's payments are to be made exclusively in kind. In terms of income tax it is not large, but it gives promise of larger payments in future.

IRISHMAN DROWNED.

RESCUE EFFORTS IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

Mr. Richard Martin, aged 23, of Green Bank, Monkstown, Ireland, was lost overboard yesterday from the cross-Channel boat Biarritz, running on the L.P.M. Dover-Calais Continental service, and was drowned.

He was travelling to Montana, Switzerland, where his mother is staying, for the good of his health, says the *Daily Mail*, and was with his sister on the boat deck. When about four miles off Dover, Mr. Martin fell over the rail into the sea.

Accounts of passengers vary, but the majority state that he rose suddenly from a seat beside his sister, and went over the rail. The cry of "Man Overboard" was taken up all over the boat deck, and a lifebelt, carrying acetylene flares was thrown to mark the spot; speed was reduced and the ship put about.

A boat was quickly lowered, but in the loppy sea that was running the crew could not reach the drowning man. A second boat manned by stewards, who volunteered, was got away.

Mr. Martin was seen struggling close alongside the ship on the port side, and a belt was thrown to him, which he was too weak to grasp. Before he could be reached the rolling vessel forced him under, and when next seen his body was floating some distance away on the starboard side. For three quarters of an hour the boat's crew tried to recover the body, but without success.

During the whole of this time Miss Martin resisted all attempts to persuade her to go below, but after the Biarritz had headed again for Calais she broke down, and was placed in the care of a stewardess. There were about 600 passengers on board.

AMSTERDAM MURDER.

DISCOVERED AFTER NINE YEARS.

THE HAGUE, Wednesday.

In October, 1915, an oil merchant named Busch disappeared from Amsterdam. Although it was often suggested that the man, who often carried amounts of money about with him, might have been murdered, it was more generally supposed that he had gone to America.

Certain information received by the Amsterdam police, however, induced them to dig in the garden of No. 25 Overtoon, Amsterdam, with the result that Mr. Busch's skeleton was found, fully dressed, and with his hat on the head. The body was enclosed in a packing case, and had been placed in a kind of concrete tomb.

Following the discovery, a man who lived in the house ten years ago—a builder named Muilwyk—and who had since moved to another town, was arrested. He denied all knowledge of the matter.

It is alleged that Muilwyk was the last man visited by Busch, who had been called to the telephone at the house, after which nothing was heard of him. The police are continuing their investigations—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

SIBERIAN GOLD.

REPORTED DISCOVERY OF RICH FIELD.

RIGA, Tuesday.

Numerous reports have recently been circulating in Russia about discoveries of buried hoards of gold and precious stones, and ancient ornaments, as well as about the legendary hidden treasures of Alexander the Great. Now the Soviet newspapers speak of the discovery of a new Siberian gold field on a distant plateau, where, it is said, a cubic yard of sand yields about four ounces of fine gold.

Notwithstanding the remoteness of the goldfield, and the absence of roads of any kind, gold fever, according to the *Pravda*, has seized vast numbers of people in all parts of Siberia. Gold seekers are setting out for these "genuine gold mountains," but only a few reach their destination. The gold-seekers have established their own order, and enforce the strictest discipline.

The Soviet authorities at Yakutsk have attempted unsuccessfully to establish some sort of communication with the gold diggers. It is impossible to say what ground there is for reports which have appeared describing the wealth of the goldfield in such phrases as, "the diggers pay for their provisions and drinks in gold by the pound weight."—*The Times* Correspondent.)

COTTON INDUSTRY RESEARCH.

GRANT OF £65,000.

The Times Manchester Correspondent writes:—A grant of not less than £65,000 by the Cotton Reconstruction Board to the British Cotton Industry Research Association was announced yesterday.

The money is part of the funds raised by the war-time Cotton Control Board, and not expended by that body, in relief of the operatives by the date the mills resumed running after the war.

THE AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE.

The Times in its Political Notes says:—It is likely that the Cabinet to-day may have under consideration the position created by the refusal of the National Union of Agriculture Workers to take part in the proposed National Conference on Agriculture unless the basis of representation is altered. At the moment the Conference is in considerable jeopardy, but the Government are anxious that it should take place if this can possibly be arranged.

THE FRENCH DEBT.

The *Daily Chronicle*, referring to the proposals of France for her debt payments, says:—Viewed strictly from the standpoint of the British taxpayer, the chief merit of the settlements just arrived at in Paris is that they have left intact the "British percentage." That is, we get the same share of German reparations as was allocated to us at Spa in 1921—all the rest of the principal Spa percentages have been varied to meet the new American claims. Yet the exception made in our favour, though satisfactory, is more apparent than real. Various questions, which must be faced, illustrate the difficulty of giving practical effect to the generous principle which Great Britain has adopted; but, of course, the task is not impossible. We feel strongly, however, that in arranging it Great Britain should not give any more away. She has gone to the limit of sane generosity, and ought there to take her stand.

I am more proud of my smattering of knowledge of many subjects than of the more thorough knowledge I have of one particular subject.—Mr. W. W. Vaughan.

CONFERENCE AT GALWAY.

SUPPORT FOR THE MINISTRY.

THE IRISH-IRELANDERS' CLAIMS.

NO TRUCK WITH THE SECESSIONISTS.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

GALWAY, Wednesday.

"That this Convention expresses complete confidence in the Reorganisation Committee of Cumann na nGaedheal, as approved by the Cumann na nGaedheal Party in the Dail and by the Executive of the organisation, and agrees with its refusal to sanction the nomination of members of the National Group as candidates in the forthcoming by-elections, and calls on the T.D.'s for the County Galway to support the work of the Reorganisation Committee."

After four and a half hours had been spent in a discussion on the cause and effects of the secession from the Ministerial Party and the resignation from the Dail of what is called the National Group, a conference of Treaty supporters at Galway to-day rejected a resolution favouring reconciliation and accepted instead the amendment quoted above.

"When we started we did not know where we were," said Dr. Dillon, the chairman of the Convention, in bringing a wearisome debate to an end. He did not add, as he might well have added, that a great many members did not know where they were even when they had finished.

The Chairman opened the proceedings by explaining that the four deputies for Galway had come to give their views on the present situation.

Mr. Padraig O'Maille set the ball rolling with a lengthy address in Irish, and afterwards he translated it into English. The discussion which followed was marked by a long speech by the Minister for Lands and Agriculture, and finally, after Mr. O'Maille had replied to his critics, a resolution in the following terms was moved:—

"That this conference requests the Ard Comhairle of Cumann na nGaedheal to exert its influence to bring about the reconciliation and unity of the Irish-Ireland forces for the advancement of the national ideal. We believe that a beginning should be made with the different sections of the original Cumann na nGaedheal Party, and that this would lead to a larger unity of Irishmen who are prepared to work for Ireland by a utilisation of the present national position. We are strongly of opinion that it is only by the unity of the people who have been the backbone of all recent national movements that real and permanent progress can be made and a lasting peace and stability acquired."

On a show of hands the amendment was carried, apparently, by a majority of about fifteen or twenty, and the resolution was declared lost.

THE CHAIRMAN.

The Convention, which began at about 12.30 p.m., was attended by about ninety or a hundred persons.

"Certain differences," Dr. Dillon explained at the outset, "have arisen in the Cumann na nGaedheal Party, of which we were all supporters, at least, at the last General Election. Certain members have resigned, and certain others have put forward the suggestion that the former should be taken back. Mr. O'Maille, giving a very good example to other members of the Dáil, has come down, very properly to consult his constituents on the question. We will hear what he has to say on the subject, and we will also hear Mr. P. J. Hogan's views on the situation.

"The most important thing to consider," Dr. Dillon added, "is not whether the present Government is the most ideal Government that we can imagine, but whether it is the best that we can get at the moment, and whether anyone else coming forward at this stage can form a better one.

Mr. O'Maille read a long type-written document, the contents of which, he said, had the support of at least twelve members of the Cumann na nGaedheal Party. The document denied that the national heritage of traditions and ideals could be safely committed to the keeping of political opponents who had not yet exorcised their anti-Gaelic spirit, and those who drafted the document disputed the assumption that the antecedents and connections, political and social, of the loyalists who in pre-Treaty days resisted the granting of Ireland's demands, gave them the peculiar title to preferential treatment.

Intrigues to secure for these an instant and unequal share in the control of the National Party without probation and free election were only less objectionable than an intrigue to associate with their movement men who made no pretence to have been converted. They welcomed converts, but they would not buy them. Neither would they be bought by new-comers bearing gifts.

"ASCENDANCY ELEMENTS."

"In pursuance of its unauthorised programme, the Committee had sought to associate ascendancy elements with our party," proceeded the document. "We submit that the first step towards reconciliation between Irishmen, hitherto tragically divided, should be a step towards re-unity in the national fold with the men and women with whom we had so much in common, more especially those to whose service is due in no small measure the foundation and salvation of this State."

There was on all sides, the document declared, a growing dislike of the Government, and the harsh acts of officials had done much to destroy the popularity of Cumann na nGaedheal in the constituencies.

"The present organising Committee of the party should not have shifted the centre of gravity to the pro-English tail without having first consulted the country," declared Mr. O'Maille.

When they saw men like Mr. M. Noonan, the recently elected Government T.D. for East Cork, protesting against the teaching of Irish in the schools it was high time to cry halt to the backward march towards West Britonism. The party organising Committee which was recently set up, and had now entirely superseded the Ard Chomhairle, was but a device to keep and get into control men whom the country did not want. Men of honest records who had given hard work and much sacrifice to build this nation were being sneered at by persons who regarded themselves as superior, but were only out to reap the fruits of the labour of others.

EX-OFFICERS.

He understood that the ex-Army officers did not wish reinstatement, and no one was making such a claim on their behalf. Then, what was the meaning of the cry of "reinstatement," unless it was for the purpose of

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injuring the national credit and trying to frighten the timid into supporting men in whom they do not believe?

He had no sympathy, he said, with the recent resignations from the Dail, but he knew that some of the men had no desire to remain in public life. If the country wished the resigned deputies back to the Dail, no man had a right to say, as the Minister of Finance, Mr. Blythe, stated in Cavan recently in referring to Mr. Sean Milroy, "I do not want him and the Executive do not want him."

He was convinced that the trouble in the Dail was all for the good, as it would make them face the realities of the situation. Some of those at the head of affairs were getting too old politically and were becoming reactionary—hence the apathy at elections. Some of the Civil Service departments were largely overstaffed, and the *personnel* could be easily reduced without injuriously affecting the services.

The one great hope of Ireland lay, he said, in the coming together again of the forces that helped to bring the country to its present position.

PARAMOUNT QUESTION.

Canon Nestor, of Galway, declared that the paramount question to be considered was the stability of the country. The question which they were called upon to discuss that day should have been thrashed out in another place. If Mr. O Maille wanted to have it thrashed out he could have seen to it that the place for that was the floor of the Dail. Everyone that he had spoken to was strongly opposed to the action taken by the National group.

"I do not," added Canon Nestor, "support everything that the Government has done, but I do say that on the broad issue we should all support the Government. If we do not we will all go down together."

Father Kearney said that he would like to know how Mr. O'Maille proposed to achieve unity. One section had already broken away from the Government, and it looked now as if Mr. O'Maille were leading another break away.

The Rev. C. J. White, P.P., of Roundstone, said that they should not ask the Government to run after every person who resigned, petting and persuading him to come back again. He appealed to the people of Ireland to stand by the Government.

Father White then went on to deal with the criticisms levelled at anti-Irish elements in the country. "Don't you think," he asked warmly, "that Protestants are Irishmen just as we are here? I have no brief for the Protestants, but, while loving my Church more than my country, I would be glad to see them with us." (Applause.)

Mr. George Nicolls, T.D., asserted that, in spite of what was said to the contrary, the Government was working on Irish Ireland lines. He could not, he declared, associate himself with any attempt to bring back to the fold sheep that did not stray, but that deliberately jumped over a gap, thinking there was better pasture on the other side.

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE.

Mr. P. J. Hogan, Minister for Lands and Agriculture, said that the question that they were really there to discuss was whether the party, the Executive and the Government were right in setting up an organisation committee and in refusing to adopt as candidates of Cumann na nGaedheal the members of the National Group who had resigned from the Dail.

"The principal charge made is that the Government has, by intrigue and for its own purposes, endeavoured to set up an organisation behind the backs of the party and the Executive with the aim of shifting the centre of gravity to the English elements in the country. Truth is great, and there are a great many elements of dubiety in the present situation. The country is confused, and, God knows, I am not surprised."

The Minister then related how, after the by-elections last November, a party meeting asked the Executive Council and the extern Ministers for a report on entrusting to some body the task of organising for the next series of by-elections, and how, after that report had been received, on the motion of General Mulcahy, seconded by Mr. W. Sears, the following committee was appointed, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. J. Walsh:—Senators Wyse Power and McLoughlin; Messrs. Mulcahy, O'Higgins, Blythe, Hogan, F. Lynch, J. Dolan, P. J. Egan, S. Hughes, M. Tierney, Montgomery and B. O'Connor. There were co-opted on the committee then Mr. H. B. O'Hanlon, solicitor, whom nobody would call an ex-Unionist; Captain Henry Harrison, editor of *Irish Truth*; Surgeon Frank Morrin, ex-Director of Medical Services; Mr. H. Kennedy, one of the trustees of Cumann na nGaedheal, and Mr. P. J. Lawrence, the managing director of a well-known concern in Dublin.

Those were the Unionists and anti-Irish elements that were trying to steal from the Irish people the rights given them by the Treaty. The selection of those men was one of the steps in what the country was asked to believe was an intrigue by the Government to seize the organisation for its own purposes; those were the men objected to on the ground that they were ex-Unionists.

BASELESS CHARGES.

"We can at least own our sins," the Minister continued; "but we cannot answer charges that do not exist, or be responsible for intentions we have never had. I ask you now to say definitely that you do not find fault with the steps that were taken, and—mark you—taken with the full consent of the party and the Executive in an endeavour to secure that at the next elections there would come out and support us the majority that we have in this country.

"No objection was taken by any section of the Party to these steps until the 19th of December, when there was a meeting of the party that lasted until 3 o'clock in the morning. It would be difficult to find fault with the names mentioned, so that what fault was actually found with was nothing less than the 'intentions' of the Committee.

"We were asked," declared Mr. Hogan, "if it were a fact that we had approached so-and-so. Well, we were able to say that we had not, and that we had no intention of doing so. What happened next? A claim was put forward that the Committee should accept as candidates members of the National Group. It was only being discovered then that there were Unionists on the Committee. Up to then not a single one of the names mentioned was challenged. He wanted to know if they were challenged now.

Professor O'Brien, interposing, said that there was, undoubtedly, a great deal of dissatisfaction about the selection of men like Mr. O'Hanlon, who had never been heard of in any of the National movements before.

Mr. Hogan said that he did not want to mix issues. It was, as Mr. O Maille knew, stated at a party meeting that it was the intention to ask Mr. P. J. Brady, Captain Harrison, and Mr. H. Kennedy to act on the Committee. They, it was pointed out, were people who accepted the constitution and programme of the party. There was not a single dissentient from that decision. It was also said that the Committee was attempting to prevent the people from expressing their views on the differences between it and the National Group.

"We are not attempting anything of the kind," he declared. "The members of the Group are free to go up in every constituency, and every adult man can decide between them and the Government party.

REASONS FOR RESIGNATIONS.

"We are a young State, with democratic traditions to build up, and if we accepted as our candidates for Cavan and Kilkenny members of the National Group we would be proving ourselves unfit for the responsibilities of democratic Government."

"These men withdrew from the party for one reason—and only one—and that was because certain Army officers were not replaced in the Army last March."

Mr. Hogan proceeded to quote copiously from statements of Mr. McGrath, in which the leader of the National Group made it clear that the re-instatement of these officers should be a condition precedent to any conference. The position of the Government was that they had never been ready, and were not ready now, to discuss that issue with any body of politicians. Referring to the ultimatum served on President Cosgrave, Mr. Hogan declared that it was mutiny naked and unashamed. The meeting would agree with him that, in very difficult circumstances, the Government had handled a difficult situation in a way that was open to no other criticism than that they acted with extravagant consideration towards men who were guilty of the gravest offence that soldiers could commit.

The Minister described the group as a most wanton and irresponsible body of politicians, who had precipitated a miniature general election on, so far as they could see, no issue of national importance, and the party was now asked to take them back. "Why," he inquired, "was it so important that a number of Army officers and nine resigned deputies should be brought back?"

"My firm belief," he said, "is that it is an issue between secrecy, on the one hand, what was he meaning of he cry of "rein- and clean, open Government on the other."

He stood as one man four square against the caste of super-patriots, who came to their own agreements behind closed doors; and the point of view of the caste was an insult to the country and to the memory of Arthur Griffiths, who would turn in his grave if he knew that his name was quoted against the policy of assassinating every Irishman of good-will in building up this country and making it what it should be. (Applause.)

BRING IN EVERYBODY.

The next step in their national programme was to bring in their fellow-countrymen and the North, and he was afraid that it would take the life of the present Government, in any case, to effect that object—thanks to the activities of their countrymen in the South. He did not know of any anti-Irish element in the Government, but he declared that an unworthy campaign was being carried on, and had something of the effect of fanning religious bigotry in the country.

Dealing with Mr. O'Maille's references to Government officials, Mr. Hogan said that he did not believe that any Minister in any other country could get more loyal or energetic work from his department than he himself had got. Never on a single occasion had one single official endeavoured to obstruct the policy which he (Mr. Hogan) had initiated. The most important thing was that the people of the country would always be in a position, without challenge of any kind, or from any direction, to change the Government and put a new Government in power. They were aiming at bringing about a situation in which everyone to whom they had given a vote could vote, a situation in which the majority could help the country to be supreme; unchallenged and unchallengeable. If they succeeded in doing that they would have laid the foundation of the State.

Personally, he was satisfied that the Irish people could build, and that the super-patriots of a special caste were not necessary. He thought that he could speak for the Government when he said that if they had the backing of the ordinary Irishman they needed no other allies, and he asked to be given a message for the Government that it had the support of the people of County Galway. (Applause.)

Professor Tomas O Maille, Galway University, supporting the action of his brother, Mr. Padraic O Maille, stated that he had no enmity towards the ex-Unionists, but he believed that they should not be allowed to dominate Irish life, and that was the danger. (Applause.)

Mr. Sean Broderick, T.D., said that he would like to know who those anti-Irish elements were. Did anyone, he asked, think that the people of East Cork would have elected Mr. Noonan if he were capable of making such a statement? Mr. O Maille, he said, had apparently not found fault with the Government until about three months ago.

Mr. O Maille, replying, said he did not disapprove so much of what Mr. Hogan had said as of what he did not say. What, he asked, about the secret conclaves held in the Shelbourne Hotel, of which Mr. Hogan made no mention? They were told by the Minister for Justice that those conclaves were attended by Mr. P. J. Brady, ex-M.P., and by Mr. Hanna, secretary to the late Mr. John Redmond. Senator Douglas made certain overtures to the Unionists, who promised on certain conditions to put up money.

"I did not," said Mr. O'Maille, heatedly, "raise any sectarian issues here to-day; but that we, the Irish-Ireland Party, are the dominant party in this country, and that it is according to our will that the country must be run. I take that stand, and I am not ashamed. It is for us to decide the policy of the country, and we will not stand for those people coming in and dictating policy to the Irish people."

THE EXPLANATION.

Mr. Hogan, in reply, said that, with regard to Mr. O'Maille's reference to secret conclaves at the Shelbourne Hotel, the facts were that five or six members of the Executive Council had to meet immediately to get the organisation going. It was important for them that, hurrying out from their offices at all hours at night, they should find a place to meet as convenient to Government Buildings as possible. For that reason they met in the nearest hotel, which was the Shelbourne.

"At the meetings no other names were mentioned except those I have already given. About Mr George Hanna, that is the first I have heard of it. I do not know who Mr. Hanna is, and I was present at every one of those meetings to which Mr. O'Maille refers. With regard to overtures to ex-Unionists, Mr Douglas told us that he could get us something we were badly in need of, and that was a certain amount of money. I am certain that some of that money will come from people who, before the Treaty, might be regarded as Unionists. We will take money as a political party standing by our own Constitution, but upon no other conditions whatever. That is all I know about these suggestions."

The amendment to the resolution was then put and carried and the Convention ended.

ROYAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.
Candidates should note that at the last examination 11 appointments were gained by pupils of Rosse College, Stephen's Green. 7 Successes at previous examination.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

16th Division Memorial.—A well-executed model of the 16th Division Memorial Cross, which was the centre of the Armistice Day commemoration in Dublin last November, is on view in a Grafton street shop window and attracted much attention yesterday. The model is complete with ornamental railings and miniature wreaths. It is the work of an ex-Service man.

New Dublin Choral Society.—A new choral society is about to be organised in Dublin. A decision to that effect was taken as the result of discussion of the project at a meeting, held this week, of representatives of some local choirs. The intention is to study and produce modern masterpieces of choral music. A conductor has been appointed, and the society, which has been named the Philharmonic, is likely to begin work immediately. A public announcement will be made as to membership and the works proposed for study.

Newsboys Entertained.—Belvedere Social Service Club gave its annual Christmas party to 104 Dublin newsboys last Sunday. The entertainment, which took place in the College, comprised tea and a dramatical and musical programme. Prizes were distributed to the boys for attendance at classes and success in games.

St. Colmcille's Hospital Inquiry.—Consideration of the new proposals in connection with St. Colmcille's Hospital again occupied the Rathdown Board of Guardians yesterday. The Chairman said that the Guardians had not called for an inquiry, and he wished to know from the Local Government Ministry who was going to bear the expense.

Cruelty to Sheep.—James Byrne, 9 Quinsborough road, Bray, was fined £2 and 12s. costs in the Northern Police Court yesterday for permitting three lame sheep to be driven from the market. The drover, Patrick Hyland, was fined 10s.

Mansion House Steward.—Mr. Thomas Buckley, for thirty years steward at the Dublin Mansion House, is about to retire. The City Commissioners, at a meeting on Saturday, will consider a recommendation to fix his pension at £1 14s. 4d. a week.

Naturalists' Field Club.—A meeting of the Dublin Naturalists' Field Club will be held in the Royal Irish Academy House this evening at 8. The President-elect (Mrs. Long) will address the Club on the subject of "Some Gardens."

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS.—L. Warburton, J. Richards, Senator Moran, J. F. Dunne, L. Coates, R. Connor, Miss Jefcott, Rev. Father O'Brien, L. S. Hall, G. Parker, M. Collins, S. McKeever, W. Crawford, R. R. Kenny, W. Clare, T. Johnson, Miss Gould, Miss McCarthy, Miss Bate, Miss O'Callaghan, Miss Josephine Kisley, Miss Gleeson, Miss Dunne, Colonel Crean, Captain Pullen.

DEPARTURES.—A. C. Antao, J. O'Grady, J. J. Ryan, W. S. Smith, Rev. C. Henry, R. W. Smith, Miss Rogers, T. Reade, G. Connor, F. B. Pickles, A. Carstensen, R. A. Anderson, T. Bradford, C. E. Fish, R. McMeekin, T. E. Beckett, F. N. Winckler, The Misses Doran, Miss Russell Stritch, The Misses Lough, Mrs. Lister, Ashley Haywords, R. Murray, John Woods, J. D. Legget.

CONNAUGHT.

"Worst" Roads in Europe.—South Leitrim Clerical Society has passed the following resolution:—"That we, the members of the South Leitrim Clerical Society, desire to bring under the notice of the Minister for Home Affairs the state of the roads in this neighbourhood. The majority of our members have to use motor cars constantly over these co-called roads, and we cannot see how the money paid for licences is being spent—certainly not on the County Leitrim roads, which Mr. Quigley, Commissioner, described as 'the worst in Europe.'"

Relief Measures in Leitrim.—The Free State Department of Agriculture, through the Leitrim County Committee, is supplying three varieties of seed potatoes at 6s. a cwt. carriage paid to the nearest railway stations to meet the scarcity of seed owing to the partial failure of the crop.

LEINSTER.

Protection and Industry.—It was stated at a meeting of the Dundalk Urban Council last Tuesday that work would not be started in the new boot factory in Quay street, as the owners could not bear the high import duties on raw material. A member said that it was rumoured that the firm was going to pack up and return to England. The Clerk was directed to make inquiries and bring the matter to the notice of the Chamber of Commerce.

Entertainment Tax Unpaid.—At Dungarvan Quarter Sessions the Inland Revenue Commissioners sued Major D. R. Williamson, as Secretary of Dungarvan Agricultural Association, to recover £37 1s. 8d. in respect of entertainment tax due on gate receipts at the local show on June 24 last. For the defence it was stated that the Association was not run for profit, but was maintained by the people in the district, who gave £200 out of their own pockets each year. The Commissioners hitherto had always granted the Association an exemption order. Judgment was reserved.

MUNSTER.

Heavy Bail.—At Nenagh yesterday, three men, named O'Brien, Ryan and Coffey were remanded on bail of £200 each and two sureties of £100 on charges of breaking into a house near Newport during the night of December 24, and stealing £8.

Ban on Hawkers Removed.—Dungarvan Urban Council has removed the ban against hawkers, so that all dealers are now free to attend, and sell their goods at, the local markets and fairs. Recently a large number of hawkers were fined for obstruction on a fair day.

Dungarvan Quay Falling.—Dungarvan Urban Council had a report before it at its last meeting, stating that the Dungarvan quay wall was in danger of falling, and that £2,500 would be required for repairs. The Council appointed a deputation to wait upon the Finance Minister, and ask him for a grant of half the amount, and decided to apply for a loan of £1,225.

Missing Mail Bags.—George Bourke, a postman, was charged at Limerick yesterday with having stolen five mailbags on various dates before October 30 last, and with being in possession of goods believed to have been stolen. He was committed for trial on his own bail in £50 and two sureties of £25 each.

Work for Dundalk.—A grant of £1,500 has been made to the Dundalk Urban Council, to be augmented by a loan of £5,500, to cover the cost of extending the local waterworks. The Local Government Department stipulates that labourers shall be paid not more than £2 a week.

Effect of Nursing Regulations.—Barrington's Hospital Board, Limerick, has passed a resolution deploring the passing of the new Nursing Regulations, under which, it is stated, the hospital must discontinue to train probationers and look for nurses wherever they can be procured. The loss of a nursing school was regarded as a grave handicap.

Protecting Employer's Money.—Charged at Ardare, Co. Limerick, District Court yesterday, with being in unlawful possession of a revolver and ammunition on December 20 last, Michael Sullivan, Foynes, stated that he kept the revolver for the protection of his employer's money. A fine of £5 was imposed, Sullivan being imprisoned until the rising of the Court.

Clonmel Asylum Housing.—Clonmel Mental Hospital Committee has prepared a scheme for building ten houses for attendants on the grounds of the old asylum at a cost of £420 per house. The Government will contribute £80 a house, and the Corporation £1,600 to the scheme. The houses will become the Committee's property in fifteen years' time.

Kilrush Telephone Service.—The current issue of the Free State *Postal Gazette* announces that the hours of service at Kilrush, Co. Clare, Telephone Exchange are now 7.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on week-days and 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. on Sundays.

ULSTER.

Poteen Prosecution.—A fine of £10 and one month's imprisonment was imposed at Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, last Tuesday on P. Brennan, Beagh, for being in possession of a bottle of poteen. Brennan did not appear in Court, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Clare Asylum Committee has accepted a tender for the supply of potatoes for six months at 1s. 3d. a stone.

"Irish Writers of To-day" was the subject of a lecture delivered at 25 Rutland square, Dublin, last night, by Mr. P. O Conaire. The proceedings were conducted in Irish.

A meeting of the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society, held at 33 Molesworth street, yesterday, debated the motion: "That the decline of home life is beneficial to society." The motion was defeated.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

Gas v. Electricity in Derry.—Our Londonderry Correspondent writes:—Controversy has developed in Londonderry between the Gas Light Company and the Corporation, in connection with the scheme of the latter to wire houses free to increase the number of electricity consumers. At the meeting of the Corporation yesterday it was reported that the Electricity Commissioners in Belfast had sanctioned the proposal for a loan of £33,200 to cover the cost of the scheme. The Gas Company denies that it is a free wiring scheme. It states that the consumers will have to pay for it in the extra cost of the current. It also condemns the action of the Corporation in requiring the householder to disconnect the gas for lighting and remove all gas light fittings, and points out that the owner of the house and not the householder will become the owner of the electric fittings.

Margarine Sold as Butter.—The maximum fine for a first offence, £20 with 20s. costs, was imposed at Bangor Petty Sessions yesterday, on T. McAlister, Belmont avenue, Belfast, for selling as butter an article not of the nature and substance demanded. The defendant labelled his packets: "Best Cream Butter, 2s. per lb." A sample was submitted to an analyst, whose certificate showed it to be 100 per cent. margarine.

Relieving Unemployment.—Tyrone County Council last Monday decided to expend £1,753 on road schemes for the relief of unemployment. Sixty per cent. of the expenditure will be met by the Ministry of Labour. The Council also decided to apply for a loan of £50,000 for the re-surfacing of classified roads at £2,500 a mile. A scheme is to be formulated for the expenditure of £7,540 in land.

Death of Captain W. C. Law.—The death took place last Monday, on board a liner bound for New York, of Captain W. C. Law, Marine Superintendent of the United Fruit Company of America. Captain Law was a native of Belfast, where he had been spending a holiday. He became a naturalised American.

Lovelorn Prisoner.—Remanded in custody at Omagh yesterday on a charge of obtaining fish by false pretences, Albert Parkes, Dromore, Co. Tyrone, stated that there was no such person as "J. Wilson," in whose name he obtained the fish, which were valued at £4 12s. He said that he was "keeping company" with a girl who had refused to marry him. He had spent all his money on her, and she had been the cause of his ruin.

Armagh Estimates.—Armagh Guardians last Tuesday adopted an estimate for next year's services of £10,908, an increase of £294 on that of the current year, or a farthing in the £. The Rural Council passed an estimate for £2,774, an increase of £748, an additional 1d. in the £.

"Curfew" Wanted.—Enniskillen Rural District Council has passed a resolution demanding the reimposition of "Curfew." Other public bodies in the town have passed similar resolutions.

High Rates in Enniskillen.—Enniskillen Guardians' estimate shows that the rates will be increased 2d. in the £ next year. The cause of the increase is a reduction in the estimated credit balance.

The Duchess of Atholl, who has been the guest of Sir James and Lady Craig at Stormont Castle, Belfast, inspected Stranmillis Teachers' Training College yesterday, and in the evening returned to London.

THE GREAT GALE.

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stroyed a considerable portion of the wooden promenade. Several vessels were obliged to take refuge in the lough.

At the Belfast Harbour Office it was intimated that at its height the wind attained a velocity of 57 miles an hour.

SEASIDE PROMENADE DAMAGED.

A cargo boat in the harbour at Newcastle, Co. Down, sustained serious damage owing to huge waves breaking over the pier. The pitching and protection wall at the southern promenade was torn away. Early in the night the greater part of the town was plunged into darkness owing to the breaking of electric poles.

CORK.

HOUSES DAMAGED.

STREETS UNDER WATER.

Yesterday morning many streets in the City of Cork were littered with slates, glass and chimney tops. Gaping holes were to be seen in roofs, and many windows were broken. The full force of the gale was felt in the southern portion of the city. Hundreds of slates were blown off roofs, and in many houses pots and pans had to be placed beneath holes in the roofs to catch the rain water.

Yesterday morning it was discovered that the roof of a coal store in Douglas street had been blown off. Sheds and out-houses were unroofed in other parts of the city, the *débris* in some cases being carried a considerable distance away. At the southern side of Montenotte, nearly opposite Smithgrove terrace, a large telegraph pole was dislodged from its position, falling on to the railings of the terrace on the other side of the thoroughfare. A tree was uprooted at Gardiner's Hill, and a child had a very fortunate escape.

In the Sunday's Well district the storm was felt with great force, the wind breaking several windows, besides lifting slates and sending them to the footpaths. Luckily, no one was injured. The roads and streets were covered by pools of water, particularly the North Mall. Owing to the heavy rain the river was considerably swollen, and at Vincent's Bridge it flowed with a very strong current.

At the western side of the city alarm was caused by the sudden rise of the Lee, which was already swollen, and from Victoria Cross westwards the whole valley for miles was flooded, the water in many instances entering houses in the locality. The Western road to Carrigrohane was covered to a depth of several feet, and traffic there had to be suspended.

So fierce was the gale outside Fishguard that the s.s. Moorfowl, which was due to leave for Cork at midnight, was not able to leave the harbour. Mountainous seas were running, and it was not until six o'clock yesterday morning that she left. The Moorfowl arrived in Cork about four o'clock yesterday evening.

Part of the platform at Dunkettle Station gave way during the storm. A gang commenced work yesterday morning and the damage was quickly repaired.

TIPPERARY.

TOWN IN DARKNESS.

GAS LAMPS BLOWN OUT.

During the storm Tipperary town was in darkness, the public gas lamps having been blown out shortly after nightfall. A window in a grocery establishment in O'Brien street was blown out and flung on the far side of the street. A feature of the storm was the great distance traversed by flying slates. Windows were smashed by slates torn from houses hundreds of feet away. Many fine trees were levelled in the country-side. Yesterday workmen were clearing away obstructions on the roads. The storm was the worst since the great wind of twenty years ago.

Tipperary Courthouse, which is on an exposed position, suffered very severely. A scaffolding which had been recently erected to repair ravages to the roof was blown down. The heavy lead sheetings on the roof, weighing several hundredweights, were wrenched out and flung over fifty yards away. At Saint Michael's Church one of the main lancet stained glass windows was blown in. In the Protestant Rectory grounds an immense chestnut tree was levelled, crashing through a wall.

At the Town Hall during a cinema performance, at about ten o'clock, a ventilator was blown off the roof and a large quantity of plaster fell into the passage in the centre of the auditorium. Several heavy tiles in the roofing were torn away, as was also portion of the dial of the town clock.

In Market street, adjoining the Town Hall, a large piece of sheet iron was blown through a window. Several windows were blown in, and others were smashed by flying slates. Many farmers who had been at Tipperary Fair on Tuesday were unable to return home, and had to remain in town overnight.

At Limerick Junction Racecourse a great portion of the galvanised sheeting that enclosed the course was blown down. There is also extensive damage in Tipperary Show grounds. Several motor drivers, who were engaged to convey a wedding party from the Glen of Aherlow to Templemore, were unable to get farther than a short distance outside Tipperary, all the roads being impassable with fallen trees.

SEVERE FLOODING.

In Clonmel the gale blew with terrific force and tore slates off roofs and knocked down chimneys. Bonlic stream, north of the town, was choked in its passage under the military barracks and flooded the whole of the eastern side of the town, including the barracks. The streets were covered with water to a depth of some feet. A regular torrent flowed out the barrack gates. Many houses and shops in the flooded area were inundated and the position of the residents was pitiable. The Christian Brothers' schools were closed owing to the flood, and many people had to get through the water-covered streets in cars. The Suir was heavily flooded and all the outlying fields along its banks were covered. Yesterday was fine, bright and calm, and the flood in the town began to fall rapidly.

In Nenagh the wind was accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain. A large window was blown from the Lecture Hall into the street.

WATERFORD.

SCHOONER DRIVEN ASHORE.

LATE ARRIVALS OF BOATS AND TRAINS.

The storm left the City of Waterford strewn with slates and *débris*, and pedestrians were able to get about only with difficulty. The 500 ton auxiliary schooner Cambron was driven aground at Arthurstown strand. Lloyd's local agent proceeded to the scene and found that the vessel had dragged her moorings. She was temporarily secured by wire ropes, but is in a precarious condition, and should the weather break again may become a total wreck. She was carrying a cargo of coal for Mr. Michael Murphy, of Arthurstown, and is from Swansea. The crew are safe.

The s.s. Arklow, from Waterford to Bristol, with live stock and general cargo, was compelled to shelter at Passage East and was delayed for twelve hours. The s.s. Skerryvore, from Glasgow to Waterford, which should have arrived yesterday forenoon, had not reached Waterford up to 6 p.m. The s.s. Tyro, from Amsterdam, which was due early to-day, has not yet been reported.

The Rosslare express, which was due at Waterford at 10.10 o'clock on Tuesday night, arrived at 5 a.m. yesterday. She left Dungarvan on Tuesday night to schedule, but two miles out she was prevented from continuing owing to floods, and was compelled to travel all night by a circuitous route through Mallow and Limerick Junction.

LIMERICK.

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

WINTER'S WORST STORM.

In Limerick the gale at times assumed the force of a hurricane, and during Tuesday night there were lightning flashes and thunderclaps. Slates were blown off houses and branches torn off trees. Although it was the severest gale experienced in the city this winter, the damage is slight. The storm abated in the early hours of yesterday morning.

KERRY.

KILLARNEY UNDER WATER.

BRIDGE SWEPT AWAY.

On Monday night a fierce rain and hail storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning, passed over Killarney and the district. Owing to the suddenness of the downpour the ordinary channel outlets were unable to convey the storm water, with the result that New street and other low-lying centres were flooded.

On Tuesday evening the storm returned with a severity exceeding anything experienced for years. Trees were blown down, and the public roads in various centres were flooded to a depth of many feet. The bridge at Dinagh, at the northern side of the town, was completely swept away. A cyclist who came along and rode into the breach was swept down by the flood for some distance, when he managed to regain the bank. At 8.30 a motor car, carrying three passengers and a driver, ran into the breach. Fortunately, the car, which dived head first, did not turn turtle, and the passengers and driver had a narrow escape. Up to the present it has not been possible to get the car, which still remains standing upright in the bed of the river.

LONDONDERRY.

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED.

FIRE STATION ISOLATED.

Roofs and chimney pots in Derry suffered heavily, and streets were strewn with broken slates and bricks. In Carlisle road a chimney was blown down and scattered in the centre of the street. A lot of masonry work was displaced. A chimney collapsed and struck a roof over a bedroom in the Melville Hotel, but, fortunately, did not penetrate it. Hoardings were torn away and carried a considerable distance, and windows and glass doors were broken.

Some buildings in the suburbs of Derry were unroofed. Vehicular traffic was brought to a stand-still. Some motor cars were badly damaged, and in one or two instances cars were swept from the centre of the thoroughfare by gusts and flung against the hedges. The wind attained a velocity of over fifty miles an hour. Several accidents occurred as a result of falling slates, and a number of cases were treated at the City Infirmary. Mr. Patrick Grant, grocer, of 108 Bishop street, was struck on the head by a slate, and received a lacerated scalp wound. A boy named Kenneth McDermott, of Harding street, was similarly injured, and was detained at the Infirmary.

During the night rain fell heavily, and the Strand, Great James's street, and William street were again flooded.

The storm had a serious effect on the Fire Brigade appliances. All communication with the Strand road station was cut off, and the entire street alarm system was put out of action owing to the wooden roofs and sheds in Strand road being blown off, carrying with them the wires at the entrance to the station.

OTHER AREAS.

A galvanised hoarding, which formed the enclosure of the Clones Show Ground, has been blown down. Windows were blown in, and heavy falls of trees are reported.

Rain caused great havoc in the Mohill district, and in South Leitrim generally. Electric light connections were broken, and telegraph wires and trees were blown down.

A terrific sea ran in Youghal Harbour and Bay, breaking over the sea wall and Green Park. A local schooner dragged her anchors and narrowly escaped. Making their way into the old coastguard boathouse, the waves smashed a gig belonging to the local rowing club.

A motor van, which contained confectionery, the property of Messrs. Thomas Power and Co., Dungarvan, ran into a fallen tree at the Christian Brothers' Cross, near Lismore town, on Tuesday night. The driver was injured, and had to be medically treated. The motor van was badly damaged.

Fermoy had a further experience of flooding on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning Ashe quay to Noble's Corner, Fitzgerald's place district, Brian Boru square to Rathhealy, and Thomas street, Upper and Lower, were covered to a depth of from three to five feet. At the Royal Hotel garden the water rose to ten feet. All the houses in these districts were flooded out. Many of the people vacated their houses. The Mill Island was flooded at about ten o'clock, and the river rushed across Brian Boru square.

SOUTH LONGFORD FLOODS.

APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENT.

A public meeting was held at Newtowncashel, Co. Longford, last Monday to call attention to the hardships suffered by the inhabitants of a wide area in South County Longford by reason of recurrent floods which, it is held, can be prevented by an adequate, but not costly, drainage scheme.

The Rev. R. J. Mitchell, Rector of Cashel and Rathcline, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. John Brady, P.P., and the Rev. Patrick MacCormac, C.C., both of Newtowncashel; and the Rev. J. J. Goodwin, P.P., and the Rev. M. Cox, C.C., both of Rathcline.

The meeting drew up the following memorial for presentation to the Free State Government, copies to be sent to the local members of the Dail:—

"We, the inhabitants of certain townlands subject every year to flooding—viz., Aghavaden, Cashel, Ballinahinch, Carrowdunican, Carrickmoran, Greenhall Upper, Greenhall Lower, Fortwilliam, Cashelbeg, Lismucmanus, Lisnacush, and Fermoyle (all marked on Ordnance Survey six-inch map, Sheet No. 21), in the Barony of Rathcline and South County Longford, and we, the residents in the surrounding district, appeal to the Government to undertake drainage works for the permanent relief of these areas.

"The farmers living in these townlands suffer every year, some of us greatly, owing to the flooding of our lands; and at the present time our sufferings are aggravated very seriously. Some of us have been driven from our homes, and others are threatened by the advancing flood. There are farms three-quarters of which are covered, and these, judging by past experience, even under the most favourable conditions, will not be clear before the first day of July; for, as things now stand, the water cannot escape except by the slow processes of absorption and evaporation.

"All of us, whether residents in the flooded area or neighbouring district, are inconvenienced very greatly owing to the nearest—in some cases the only—roads to our market towns being impassable for a considerable period every year.

"We believe the drainage of the townlands we have named, and the relief accruing therefrom, not only to these areas, but to the whole surrounding district, can be effected permanently at no great cost; and, besides, it would give much-needed employment at a time of great stress and trial.

"We, therefore, appeal very earnestly to the Government to come to our aid and make us—some hundreds in number—a grateful, happy, prosperous and contented people."

The memorial has been signed on behalf of the meeting by the reverend gentlemen named above, and Mr. Thomas Carter, Newtowncashel.

NEW COLOURS FOR FORDS.

In introducing a choice of colours in their passenger models from to-day, Henry Ford and Son, Ltd., Cork, have effected a marked improvement in the appearance of their ever-popular car. Cobalt blue and Orriford Lake are given as the names of the new colours that are now available, in addition to the well-known Empire grey and black. The upholstery in the touring and runabout models is supplied in colours to harmonise with the exterior finish. In addition, there are the new balloon tyres, recently fitted, as well as a number of accessories, such as windscreen wiper, etc.—and all without an advance in price.

JUST A BARE TWO DAYS.
On Saturday next the Special Sale at the Marleen Salons, 114 St. Stephen's Green, ends. If you act at once you have just time to secure some of the splendid values in new Dance and Afternoon Frocks, Chic Hats, and smart Knit Wear in exclusive styles and colourings. Everything is fresh and new, and the Sale prices are most temptingly low.—(Advt.)

NEWS IN BRIEF.

BAN ON PORT WINE?—The Portuguese Foreign Minister is considering the restriction of exports of port wine to Great Britain.

LADY BETTY HAY.—Lady Betty Hay, the elder sister of Lord Kinnoull, is engaged to Mr. Peter Chappell, a member of the famous Bond street piano firm.

M.P. IN HOSPITAL.—Mr. Walter Baker, M.P. for Bristol East, has entered the Hampstead General Hospital. It is understood that gastric ulceration is suspected.

SWISS EX-PRESIDENT DEAD.—The death is announced at Berne of M. Camille Decoppet, a former head of the Swiss Confederation, and a director of the International Office of the Universal Postal Union.

A STAGE WEDDING.—Miss Rosaline Courtneidge, the leading lady in "The Sport of Kings," at the Savoy Theatre (London), will be married to Mr. Peter Haddon, who is now playing in Charlot's revue at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, on February 3.

PARIS BULL FIGHTS.—Bull fights will be held in a Paris circus, but the Prefect of Police has stipulated that the bull must not be fought in the Spanish way, but simply baited, and the matador must not be injured.

JUMP FROM A TRAIN.—Going past his proper station, Mr. Walter Basnet, of Station road, Loughton (Essex), tried to get out of a moving train at Chigwell lane, and fell between the platform and the train. Amongst other injuries, he lost a hand, and now lies in hospital in a critical condition.

BRITISH TRAWLER ARRESTED.—The British trawler Sarpedon was seized last Tuesday night for fishing in Norwegian territorial waters off Varang Fjord. The trawler has been taken to Vardoe. This is the second time that the Sarpedon has been seized for illegal trawling.

AUSTRALIAN TRAIN COLLISION.—Two passenger trains collided in the Sydney Central Station and six coaches were wrecked. Seventeen persons were injured, several seriously, including a man, who was jammed between two carriages, and had both his legs broken. The Dubbo express pulled up within a yard of the wreckage.

FEWER LONDON PUBLIC HOUSES.—There has been a net decrease of 1,482 on-licence premises in the County of London, and of 106 in the City, since the introduction of the Licensing Act of 1904, according to a return issued by the London County Council yesterday. The drop in Stepney has been 244.

ANOTHER REVUE BY WIRELESS.—Mr. Donald Calthrop's example in allowing the broadcasting of part of the revue "Yoicks," in the teeth of strong opposition, is to be followed by Mr. Andre Charlot, hitherto one of the most outspoken opponents of play-broadcasting. A forty-minutes' sample of his revue at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, London, will be broadcast on Saturday night.

LIBERAL OFFICIAL RETIRES.—Having completed thirty years' service as Assistant Secretary and Secretary of the National Liberal Federation, Mr. Frank Barter has resigned the secretaryship, and will be succeeded by Mr. H. F. Oldman, Organising Secretary of the Liberal Central Association. Mr. Barter, who is in his seventieth year, has served the Liberal Party as official for forty-four years.

LORD COLERIDGE IN ACCIDENT.—Leonard Percy Hill, garage proprietor, Plymouth, was fined £5 at Ottery St. Mary yesterday for driving a car to the danger of the public. Lord Coleridge said that he was in a car with his grandson and three ladies, when the defendant's car collided with them. Their front wheel was knocked off, and their car travelled a short distance on its axle.

BLIND WIFE FIGHTS FIRE.—"It is a remarkable case, and I have never had one like it before," said a London Coroner at a Battersea inquest on John Arthur Aldred, aged 79, of Putney Bridge road, who died from burns. It was stated that Aldred, who had a long beard, was carrying a lighted candle when his beard caught fire. The flames were extinguished by his wife, who is blind and an invalid.

LIFE LOST WHILE STUNTING.—While standing on the saddle of his motor cycle without holding the handlebars on the road near Coventry, Basil Leslie Coleman, 21, who was stated to be a competent rider, was pitched off, and received a fractured skull, which proved fatal. The coroner, returning a verdict of "Death from shock," said it was an accident which might clearly have been avoided.

COLONIAL APPOINTMENTS.—It is officially announced that Mr. William Frederick Gowers, C.M.G., has been appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Uganda Protectorate, in succession to Sir Geoffrey Archer, who was recently appointed to be Governor-General of the Sudan. Mr. James Robson Douglas, of Amherst, Nova Scotia, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, in succession to Mr. Justice MacCallum Grant, who has resigned.

WHEN MONEY FLIES.—Treasury notes and coins were blown from a bureau across the road into a field when a gas explosion wrecked the front of Clewer Lodge, Slough (Middlesex), the residence of Captain Lachlan. The gas company's men were locating an escape at the time, and one, named Calloway was taken home in a dazed condition. No one else was injured, but the bay window was hurled bodily on to the lawn, the floor was wrecked, and the furniture blown to pieces.

"EXCESSIVE" INTEREST.—"The rate of interest was excessive and unconscionable," said Mr. Justice MacKinnon, in the King's Bench Division (London), when the Regent Trust, Ltd., of Regent street, sued Mrs. Constance Mildred Lawrence, a widow, of Finchley road, London, N.W., respecting a promissory note for £100. Judgment was given for the trust for £20. Mr. Russell Dick, for Mrs. Lawrence, said that the interest on one of her transactions worked out at 140 per cent., on a second 285 per cent., and on a third at 230 per cent.

SEX EDUCATION PROBLEM.—Speaking at a gathering of women held under the direction of the Alliance of Honour at Queen's Hall, London, Lady Nott-Bower contended that nearly all the unhappiness of the world had risen from the fact that for generation after generation children had been allowed to grow up without thinking of the sex question in the right way. The most cruel and wicked thing that a mother had ever done was to have refused to her child the necessary information on sex questions, or, worse still, to have put the child off with fairy tales and untruths.

MOTOR ACCIDENT SEQUEL.—Aimee Geraldine Dowager Lady Michelham, was ordered to pay £299 damages and costs for personal injuries caused in a motor collision, to Miss Margaret West, of Quainton, Bucks. It was stated, in the London King's Bench Court, that beyond the fact that the car which caused Miss West's injuries belonged to Lady Michelham she had nothing to do with the case. The accident occurred in May, 1923, when a car driven by Mr. Jacques Stern, her son, an Oxford undergraduate, crashed into a car driven by Dr. West. Miss West had one of her ribs broken.

GUIDING AEROPLANE IN FOG.—Full-scale tests are to be made at the Air Ministry's aerodrome at South Farnborough, Hampshire, of a new device to enable aeroplanes to land safely in fog. The apparatus consists of a network of cables, which, laid out on the ground, radiate electrical energy and operate instruments in the aeroplane. By this means, it is claimed, the pilot can ascertain whether he is flying on an even keel, his height from the ground, whether he is flying to or from the aerodrome, his position in relation to it, and other essential information to enable him to land during a fog in safety.

TERENURE HOUSING.

52 DWELLINGS AT 9/- A WEEK.

The Local Government Board has approved of the South Dublin Rural Council's scheme for the erection of 52 houses in Terenure.

At the annual general meeting of the Terenure Housing Association last night, the Chairman (Mr. John Nolan) said it was estimated that the houses, which would each contain four rooms, would be let at 9s. a week. Tenders for the building of thirty of the houses would be lodged with the Council by the end of this month.

A member urged that when the dwelling houses were ready for occupation residents of Terenure should be given preference.

A CORK RUMOUR.

No confirmation was obtainable in Dublin last night of a rumour, current in Cork, that another Cork public board had been dissolved, and that a Commissioner had been appointed to perform its duties.

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U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED WEAK.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Stocked opened easy. Realising and bear selling, under cover of an advance in special shares, stopped temporarily when Equipment Stocks rose 2 to 4 points to new high levels on merger reports, but later there was a general decline, with heavy selling for both accounts, due to a rise in call money, the result of large gold exports. The market closed weak. Government Bonds easy; Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales amounted to 2,030,000 shares. Money on call closed firm at 3 per cent. bid and 3½ per cent. asked. Actual business ranged from 3 to 3½ per cent., with the ruling rate 3 per cent., the last loan was made at 3 per cent. Sterling exchange steady. Silver ⅛c. lower for foreign-mined at 68¼.

The following engagements of gold have been announced:—1,500,000 dollars for export to London, 240,000 dollars for export to Paris, 2,500,000 for export to Berlin, 1,000,000 dollars, presumably, for export to Russia.

UNITED STATES TRADE.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

The imports during December amounted in value to 334,000,000 dollars, including 10,274,000 dollars of gold and 5,863,000 dollars of Silver. The exports for the same period totalled 443,000,000 dollars, whereof 39,674,000 dollars represented gold and 11,279,000 dollars silver.

Call Money	3b 3½a	3b. 3½a
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.73⅛	4.73¾
Do. do Demand Bills	4.76⅜	4.77
Cable Transfers	4.76⅝	4.77¼
Do. Montreal	4.78⅜	4.79⅜
Exchange Paris, cable	5.35	5.35

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices. Tues.	Business Done. Wed.
107⅛	U.S. Funded	102¼	102¼
123⅜	Atch. Top., Santa Fe.	118⅜	117¾
97⅛	Do. Preference	93⅜	93
82⅜	Baltimore and Ohio	79⅛	78¾
136⅞	Canadian Pacific	150⅜	149⅛
101⅛	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	97	96⅜
14⅛	Chic., Mil., & St. Paul	15	14⅝
76⅛	Chicago and N.-West	73¾	72¼
33⅜	Erie Shares	32⅜	31⅜
46⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	45⅝	44⅜
72⅛	Great Northern Pref.	70⅛	69⅝
121⅛	Illinois Central	117	116
82⅜	Lehigh Valley	80¾	79
116⅛	Louisville & Nashville	112⅜	111¾
30⅛	Missouri, Kan., & Texas	29⅞	29¼
38⅛	Missouri Pacific New	37	36¼
4⅛	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	*6	4½bid
2⅜	Do. 2nd Pref.	*2¾	2⅜bid
125⅛	N.Y. Ctl. & Hudson R.	124⅜	122¾
133⅜	Norfolk and West Com.	130⅛	129⅜
72⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	70⅝	69⅛
25⅜	Ontario and Western	24⅛	24
50⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	48¾	48⅜
81⅛	Reading Shares	79⅛	78⅛
40⅛	Do Preferred	38	38¼
85	Southern Railway	81⅞	81⅛
110⅜	Southern Pacific	106⅜	105⅜
47	Texas and Pacific	45⅛	44⅜
157⅜	Union Pacific	151⅛	150¾
77⅛	Do. Pref.	74	74
22⅛	Wabash Common	22¼	21¾
60⅛	Do. Preferred A.	58⅜	57⅜
103⅜	American Smelt. and Refining.	98¾	99⅜
49⅜	Anaconda Copper	47⅞	47⅜
26⅛	British-American Tobacco Ord.	25⅜	25⅛
93⅜	Utah Copper	87⅛	89¼
80⅜	New York Consolidated Gas.	76⅜	76⅜
324⅛	General Electric	306	310
167⅛	National Lead	161	160
129⅛	United States Steel Common	124¾	123⅝
129⅜	Do. Pref.	123¾	123⅜
54⅛	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	52⅛	51¼
—	Silver Commercial Bars	68¾	68⅜
75⅛	General Motors (New)	72	71⅞
14⅜	Inter. Mer. Marine Com Certs.	13¾	13⅜
48⅛	Do. Pref. Certs.	47	46
54⅜	Royal Dutch Ordinary	53¾	52¾
43⅛	Shell Ordinary	42¾	41⅛
68⅜	Pan-American Petroleum Ord.	66⅛	65¾
19	Anglo-American Oil	18¾	18⅜
25⅛	Snell Union Oil Corp.	24¾	24⅜
44⅛	U.S. Rubber	44⅜	42⅞
	BONDS.		
94	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	89¾	89¾
67⅛	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds.	64¾	64⅜
—	Reading 4 p.c. Mortgage Bonds	—	—
96⅛	Union Pacific 4 p.c. Bonds	91⅜	91¾
109⅛	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bds.	104⅜	104⅜
122⅛	U.K. 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	116⅜	116⅜
110⅜	Do. do. 1937	106	105⅜
96⅛	7 p.c. German Loan	94⅜	94⅜

*Asked. †Ex div. ‡Ex interest. §Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT easy, 1½c. to 1¾c. down.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	198	199½
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	212¼	214
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	199⅛	201
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	212¼	215

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	387	181	205,600	162,001
Clearances	550	806	202,258	148,449

(In thousands of bushels.)

Sales for export—12 boatloads.

RYE easy, 1¼c. cheaper. No. 2 spot, 163¼.

Sales for export—Nil.

BARLEY steady and unaltered. American malting, 106.

MAIZE firm, 1¼c. dearer.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed, spot	144⅛	143

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts—Atlan.	34	213	5,153	8,373
Clearances	—	—	1,604	2,693

(In thousands of bushels.)

LARD weak, 40 points lower. Prime Western steam, 16.87½; Middle West, 16.50 to 16.60.

FLOUR firm, 50 to 15 points up. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 8.50 to 8.90.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per quarter—2/7 to 3/-.

Heavy grain to Continent, per 100lbs., 2c. to 15c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain, per 100lbs.—30c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain, per 100lbs.—45c.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Standard White in cases	16.90	16.90
Standard White in barrels	13.50	13.50
Do. Philadelphia	13.50	13.50
Mid-Continent Crude	1.10	1.10
Pennsylvania crude	3.00 3.10	3.00 3.10

RUBBER quiet. First latex crepe, 36½ buyers, 37 sellers; smoked ribbed sheets, 36½ buyers, 37 sellers.

COFFEE opened weak, 35 to 48 points lower, owing to weakness in Brazil, and further reductions took place under liquidation and selling by importers and trade interests. Partial reactions took place in the late dealings due to shorts covering, and the market closed steady, although 25 to 48 points down. Spot easy and ½c. lower for Rio No. 7 and Santos No. 4. Rio No. 7, 23¼; Santos No. 4 spot, 26¼. Approximate day's sales—84,000 bags.

Futures—Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.	June.
To-day	21.50	20.51	19.55	19.20
Prev. day	21.85	20.95	19.90	19.55
	July.	Sept.	Dec.	
To-day	18.70	17.81	17.25	
Prev. day	19.15	18.29	17.85	

SUGAR steady 2 points to 1 point up. Centrifugal Cuban spot steady, 3 points down; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 4.52. Approximate day's sales—15,000 tons.

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.
To-day	2.80	2.77	2.89	3.04	3.15
Prev. day	2.78	2.76	2.88	3.02	3.13

TALLOW steady, ⅛c. up. Extra loose, 10¼.

COTTON SEED OIL easy. Prime summer yellow spot, 11.25. Options—January, 11.10; March, 11.13; May, 11.41; July, 11.62.

SHELLAC.—T.N. spot, 63.

TURPENTINE.—Spirits of turpentine, 93; Savannah spirits of turpentine, 87.

RESIN.—Grade F, 7.10; Grade K, 7.25; Grade WW, 9.20.

BURLAPS weak. Hessian cloth, light-weight, 7.90; heavy weight 9.60.

METALS.—Tin easy, 25 points down. Spot, 58.62½; future option, 58.75. Tin Plates, 5.50. Lead steady and unaltered, 10.62½. Zinc steady and unchanged. East St. Louis spot, 7.90. Iron steady. No. 2 American Northern Foundry, 23.50 to 24.00. Electrolytic Copper steady. Spot, 15¼ to 15½; futures, 15¼ to 15½. Bessemer Steel Rails, 43.

OUTSIDE U.S. MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY.—Wheat easy, ¾c. cheaper. No. 2 hard winter spot, 185½.

ST. LOUIS.—Wheat steady and unaltered. No. 2 red winter spot, 207.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Wheat barely steady, ¾c. down. No. 1 Northern spring spot, 178½.

DULUTH.—Flaxseed, May, 306.

TOLEDO.—Cloverseed, March, 20.10

WINNIPEG.—Wheat opened easy, ½c. to ¾c. down, and closed easy, 1¼c. cheaper. Opening options—May, 193½; July, 190½. Closing options—May, 192½; July, 189⅛. Oats easy, ⅝c. lower. Closing options—May, 69. Flaxseed, May, 274.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	34	51
No. 2 Northern	62	75
No. 3 Northern	107	94
No. 4 Northern	77	73
Other grades	155	162
Total	435	455

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady and unchanged to 5 points lower, and has been depressed throughout the session owing to disappointing cable advices, liquidation, selling by New Orleans and foreign houses, Wall street operators and spot interests and weakness of the Stock market. The closing was about steady, but 19 to 12 points down. Spot quiet at 15 points reduction. New Orleans spot 15 points lower.

Spot, middling upland at New York, 24.15.

Spot, middling upland at New Orleans, 23.60.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 21,000 bales; Gulf ports, 31,000 bales; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 17,000 bales. Exports—Great Britain, 5,000 bales; Continent, 21,000 bales; Japan nil.

New York futures in the last twenty seconds of trading:—January, lowest 23.54, highest 23.64; February, 23.74, 23.74; March, 23.85, 23.88; April, 23.99, 23.99; May, 24.13, 24.14; June, 24.24, 24.24; July, 24.35, 24.35; August, 23.95, 23.95; September, 24.04, 24.04; October, 23.85, 23.86; November, 23.80, 23.80; December, 23.75, 23.75.

New Orleans futures in the last minute of trading:—March, lowest 23.78, highest 23.80; May, 24.09, 24.09.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Wednesday.

WHEAT opened barely steady at ½c. reduction, on commission house selling and weakness at Winnipeg, but soon rallied owing to decreasing stocks, smaller interior receipts and bull support. The downward movement was resumed later, due to the bearish weekly weather bulletin, a disappointing export inquiry and unloading by bulls, and the market closed barely steady, 1¾c. down to ¾c. up. Spot easier.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter spot	184	186½
No. 3 Hard Winter spot	—	184¾

Futures—Opening options—	May.	July.
To-day	185⅜	156⅜
Prev. day	185⅜	156⅜

Futures—Closing options—	May	July	Sept.
To-day	184⅝	157⅛	146⅛
Prev. day	186	157	146⅛

	To-day	Same day last year	This season	Last season
Receipts (W.)	728	626	406,489	257,294

(In thousands of bushels.)

MAIZE opened easy, ⅛c. to ½c. lower, owing to large receipts, a poor cash demand and liquidation; then rallied on small country offerings, smaller interior receipts and commission house buying. Partial recessions took place, however, on realising and increasing stocks, but the market closed steady at 1¼c. to ⅞c. gain.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Spot No. 2 mixed	—	125⅜

Futures—Opening options—	May	July
To-day	130⅜	131
Prev. day	130⅜	130⅛

Futures—Closing options—	May	July	Sept.
To-day	132	132⅛	132⅛
Prev. day	130⅛	131⅛	131⅛

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts (W.)	1,318	759	139,314	146,476

(In thousands of bushels.)

OATS easier, ⅛c. to ½c. lower.

Futures—Closing options—	May	July	Sept.
To-day	61⅛	61⅜	59
Prev. day	62⅛	62⅜	59⅛

RYE—No. 2 spot unquoted.

Futures—Closing options—	May	July
To-day	159⅜	139
Prev. day	160⅜	140

PROVISIONS opened easy and prices declined in sympathy with grain, also on a slack cash demand. A recovery set in afterwards owing to the firmer hog market, light receipts and investment buying, but was offset by a reaction in hogs, selling by packers and stop-loss orders. Ribs rallied, however, owing to sellers being scarce. The market closed irregular, with lard 7½ to 40 points down and ribs 7½ points up.

Lard—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	16.02½	16.27½	16.55
Prev. day	16.45	16.75	16.95

Ribs—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May.
To-day	15.37½	—	15.85
Prev. day	15.30	—	15.77½

BACON steady and unchanged.

Short ribbed sides (60lbs. average)—15.50.

HOGS steady. Light sorts are 10 points dearer and heavy unaltered. Light hogs, 9.50 to 10.75; heavy hogs, 10.75 to 11.25.

	To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	202,000	171,000
Chicago	37,000	31,000

Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1st (amended) total 10,130,000, against 9,816,000 same season last year.

AUSTRALIAN DOCKS DISPUTE.

PROPOSAL TO DISBAND SEAMEN'S UNION.

SHIPPING SERVICES DISLOCATED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday Night.

The Central Committee of Australian Employers has urged Mr. Bruce, in the event of the de-registration of the Seamen's Union, to take steps to prevent the new organisation from acting unconstitutionally. They recommend that any new union that may be formed should be made responsible for the actions of its branches, officials, or members; that agitators responsible for past strikes should not be allowed on its executive; that propagators of revolutionary doctrines and industrial strife should be imprisoned and deported, and that advocates of Communistic or revolutionary propaganda should not be allowed to enter Australia.

UNION PRESIDENT ARRESTED.

FREMANTLE, Wednesday.

Mr. Walsh, the President of the Seamen's Union, was arrested here this evening on a warrant issued in Melbourne, charging him with inciting members of the Waterside Workers' Federation to strike. He has been admitted to bail.—(Reuter.)

TASMANIA'S PLIGHT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Bruce, the Tasmanian Premier stated that 1,333 Australians were stranded in Tasmania, and that 900 tons of foodstuffs were urgently required every week. Mr. Bruce replied that the Australian Federal Government would take all possible steps to meet the present crisis.—(Reuter.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Federal Government has decided to charter ships to maintain the essential services, in order to relieve the distress. Hundreds of Tasmanians are offering to man the vessels in the event of the seamen refusing.—(Reuter.)

A telegram from Hobart last Tuesday stated that there was much talk in Tasmania of secession from the Commonwealth, in consequence of the dislocation in shipping caused by the Australian dispute.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD.

PERTH, W.A., Thursday.

A sugar famine exists here as the result of the shipping trouble. Other foodstuffs are also scarce.—(Reuter.)

CARLOW HUNT BALL.

A SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

The Carlow Hunt ball, at the Club House, Carlow, on Tuesday night, was very successful, despite the storm, which made travelling from any distance difficult. The decoration and lighting of the hall were perfect. Music was supplied by Manahan's No. 1 Band, and Messrs. Mills, of Merrion row, Dublin, were the caterers.

Among those present were:—Mrs. Hall, M.F.H.; Miss Hall, General Browne-Clayton, Mr. Henry Bruen and party; Mr. W. E. Grogan, Captain Lockwood, M.F.H. (Kildare Hunt Club); Admiral Braen, Mrs. Connellan, Mrs. Day and Miss Day, Mr. Claude Odlum, Mr. and Mrs. M. Minch and party; Mr. Hall-Dare, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Brown, Mr. J. C. Ryan, Mr. S. H. Denys, Lady Denys Burton, Miss Gina Denys, Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Miss Teegan (Dublin), Dr. Leigh Doyle, Mrs. Leigh Doyle and party; Mr. John Alexander, Mr. Moorhead, Bagenalstown; Mr. E. Shackleton (jun.), Miss V. Shackleton, Mr. McConkey and Miss McConkey, Miss Greene, Mr. F. Fottrell, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Roche, Mr. Oliver Slocock, Mr. Cecil Slocock, Mr. P. Hearne, and the Misses Fennell, Athy.

The success of the ball was due in a great measure to the organising secretary, Captain Thomas, who was ably assisted by the members of the Ladies' Committee.

BALLYMACAD HARRIERS' BALL.

At Captain Naper's, Lochcrew, Oldcastle, the Ballymacad Harriers gave a very successful hunt ball. There was a large attendance, the members of the Meath Hunt being present in large numbers.

LONGFORD HUNT BALL.

The Longford Hunt Club held its ball in the Church street Hall on Tuesday night. One hundred guests were present. The hall was artistically decorated. The music was supplied by Withers' No. 1 band.

Among the guests were:—Captain Mayne (Master) and Mrs. Mayne and party, Mr. Joseph O'Farrell, secretary; Mrs. O'Farrell and party, Major-General and Mrs. McKeon, Athlone; Mr. R. O'Connor and party, Strokestown; Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe, Longford; Mr. and Mrs. A. Farrell and party, Longford; Mr. Joseph King, Mrs. King and party, Mr. E. Kerr and Mrs. Kerr, Mr. T. P. O'Reilly and party.

THE WHISKEY TRADE.

Following the recent acquisition of the business of Peter Dawson by the whiskey combine, Mr. Peter Dawson, Colonel R. J. Dawson, and Mr. A. B. Joss, all formerly directors of Peter Dawson, Limited, have now joined the Board of Macdonald, Greenlees and Williams, of Leith, distillers and whiskey merchants.

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AIR MAIL DIS[...]
STORIES[...]

CAPTAIN BARN[...]
EXAMINED[...]

COMPLAINT ABOU[...]
CONTROL TOW[...]

Some remarkable evidence wa[...] resumed inquest yesterday on [...] the Croydon air disaster. At [...] Goldman (a solicitor who re[...] father of one of the killed) al[...] Imperial Airways had been ta[...] one of the witnesses, and that [...] an attempt to influence his evi[...]

Mr Beresford, representing [...] Airways, warmly denied the s[...] asked that the officials allege[...] cerned should be called.

After hearing their evidence[...] said that he certainly though[...] justify the allegations.

Mr. Goldman replied that ce[...] tion was given to him which [...] duty to bring forward, and if t[...] been cleared up to the satisf[...] Coroner, he was glad.

PILOT'S ESCAPE[...]

Captain F. L. Barnard, a [...] pilot, said that he believed he [...] take out the ill-fated machine [...] intended to take his wife over [...] Christmas, but, as the load was [...] up, it was decided that they [...] another machine. When his [...] accident she collapsed.

Speaking of the Air Mi[...] Tower at the aerodrome, Capta[...] marked that it was badly situ[...] asked if he had reported tha[...] Air Ministry.

"If I were to report eve[...] wrong to the Air Ministry," [...] should soon lose my job."

Mr. Beyfus (representing the[...] questioning the witness when [...] complained that a quiet vende[...] worked there against the civil [...] Imperial Airways, and sugge[...] Beyfus was appearing under [...] harm to the company.

Counsel strongly resented [...] Proceeding with his examina[...] Captain Barnard if he had, i[...] scribed Major Woods Hump[...] dangerous manager."

Witness appealed to the Co[...] plied that he did not think th[...] was relevant.

"WILD STATEMEN[...]

Mr. Beyfus said that his [...] that the accident was due to [...] neglect of the engines; that [...] down to the management, and [...] case in which some unfortu[...] ought to be condemned.

Mr. Beresford declared tha[...] statements" lent themselves [...] tion that, although Mr. Beyfu[...] appearing for relatives, he wa[...] persons who had a private [...] Major Woods Humphreys.

Captain Barnard's further e[...] deferred.

Major James Cooper, an A[...] spector, said that he had [...] wreckage. There was some [...] the engine was running under [...] aircraft touched the ground. [...] no defects in the control cable[...] was found in the engine. [...] the opinion that there was [...] defect contributing to the [...] further week or ten days migh[...] further tests or examinations [...] posed to carry out in certain [...]

The inquiry was then a[...] Wednesday next.

EX-SERVICE ME[...]
SERVANTS[...]

"NOBODY'S CHILD[...]
THE FREE ST[...]

A general meeting of the [...] of the Association of ex-Ser[...] vants was held last night in [...] Soda Fountain, Lower Sackvill[...] was a fairly large attendanc[...] Baker, who presided, extended[...] Mr. Cleghorn, Chairman of C[...] had, he said, come specially [...] to give them the benefit of [...]

The annual report stated [...] inauguration of the Branch [...] they had succeeded in rectify[...] of grievances. They had [...] complaints, and had succee[...] cent. of the cases. They [...] successful in abolishing overt[...] partments.

The revision of grades was [...] which had occupied the att[...] Association, and in several c[...] been successful.

VAIN PROMISE[...]

Mr. Cleghorn said that no A[...] achieved so much in the sho[...] half years' of its existence. [...] tion was formed by nine men [...] of Pensions in London, beca[...] Servicemen returned from th[...] Lloyd George had told them [...] to be no more starvation for [...] and that the country would [...] were put back in their places, [...] however, that these prom[...] materialise.

He always felt that the tr[...] out to ex-Servicemen was t[...] to make men turn Bolshev[...] when the country was trying [...] Bolshevism. If this Associ[...] been formed, they would ha[...] not a quarter of the two thous[...] men at present employed i[...] Departments would ever have [...] of a Government Department, [...] did anything else, the Associa[...] fied its existence by that ac[...]

NEED FOR SELF-H[...]

It was the duty of all ex[...] only for the protection of th[...] butter, to be members of th[...] So far as he could see, the ex[...] the Free State were nobody's [...] were "dumped" down here [...] the Imperial Government, [...] nobody at their elbow to wh[...] speak, and no Parliament t[...] could appeal. Therefore, th[...] comrades of the men in Lo[...] that their case might be ta[...] could assure them that the [...] Executive in London had as m[...] for them as for their comrad[...] and Scotland.

He knew that some settlem[...] reached, and would be subm[...] Executive Committee next Tu[...] not know what the terms we[...] could get 16,000 men fixed [...] jobs immediately, it would be [...] Association to do it.

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AIR MAIL DISASTER STORIES.

CAPTAIN BARNARD EXAMINED.

COMPLAINT ABOUT THE CONTROL TOWER.

Some remarkable evidence was given at the resumed inquest yesterday on the victims of the Croydon air disaster. At the outset Mr. Goldman (a solicitor who represented the father of one of the killed) alleged that the Imperial Airways had been tampering with one of the witnesses, and that there had been an attempt to influence his evidence.

Mr. Beresford, representing the Imperial Airways, warmly denied the suggestion, and asked that the officials alleged to be concerned should be called.

After hearing their evidence, the Coroner said that he certainly thought it did not justify the allegations.

Mr. Goldman replied that certain information was given to him which he felt it his duty to bring forward, and if the matter had been cleared up to the satisfaction of the Coroner, he was glad.

PILOT'S ESCAPE.

Captain F. L. Barnard, a cross-Channel pilot, said that he believed he was going to take out the ill-fated machine himself, and intended to take his wife over to Paris for Christmas, but, as the load was already made up, it was decided that they should take another machine. When his wife saw the accident she collapsed.

Speaking of the Air Ministry Control Tower at the aerodrome, Captain Barnard remarked that it was badly situated. He was asked if he had reported that fact to the Air Ministry.

"If I were to report everything I find wrong to the Air Ministry," he replied, "I should soon lose my job."

Mr. Beyfus (representing the relatives) was questioning the witness when Mr. Beresford complained that a quiet vendetta was being worked there against the civil management of Imperial Airways, and suggested that Mr. Beyfus was appearing under a cloak to do harm to the company.

Counsel strongly resented the suggestion. Proceeding with his examination, he asked Captain Barnard if he had, in writing, described Major Woods Humphreys as "a dangerous manager."

Witness appealed to the Coroner, who replied that he did not think that the question was relevant.

"WILD STATEMENTS."

Mr. Beyfus said that his suggestion was that the accident was due to the systematic neglect of the engines; that it must be put down to the management, and that it was no case in which some unfortunate mechanic ought to be condemned.

Mr. Beresford declared that those "wild statements" lent themselves to his suggestion that, although Mr. Beyfus was normally appearing for relatives, he was appearing for persons who had a private spite against Major Woods Humphreys.

Captain Barnard's further examination was deferred.

Major James Cooper, an Air Ministry inspector, said that he had inspected the wreckage. There was some indication that the engine was running under power when the aircraft touched the ground. He could find no defects in the control cable, and no defect was found in the engine. Witness was of the opinion that there was no mechanical defect contributing to the accident. A further week or ten days might complete the further tests or examinations which he proposed to carry out in certain details.

The inquiry was then adjourned until Wednesday next.

EX-SERVICE MEN CIVIL SERVANTS.

"NOBODY'S CHILDREN" IN THE FREE STATE.

A general meeting of the Dublin Branch of the Association of ex-Service Civil Servants was held last night in the Broadway Soda Fountain, Lower Sackville street. There was a fairly large attendance. Mr. J. V. Baker, who presided, extended a welcome to Mr. Cleghorn, Chairman of Committees, who had, he said, come specially from London to give them the benefit of his advice.

The annual report stated that since the inauguration of the Branch in July, 1924, they had succeeded in rectifying a number of grievances. They had dealt with 200 complaints, and had succeeded in 85 per cent. of the cases. They had also been successful in abolishing overtime in all departments.

The revision of grades was another matter which had occupied the attention of the Association, and in several cases they had been successful.

VAIN PROMISES.

Mr. Cleghorn said that no Association had achieved so much in the short four and a half years' of its existence. The Association was formed by nine men in the Ministry of Pensions in London, because when ex-Servicemen returned from the Colours Mr. Lloyd George had told them that there was to be no more starvation for ex-Servicemen, and that the country would see that they were put back in their places. They found, however, that these promises did not materialise.

He always felt that the treatment meted out to ex-Servicemen was the very thing to make men turn Bolsheviks, at a time when the country was trying to keep down Bolshevism. If this Association had not been formed, they would have found that not a quarter of the two thousand ex-Service men at present employed in Government Departments would ever have seen the inside of a Government Department. If they never did anything else, the Association had justified its existence by that achievement.

NEED FOR SELF-HELP.

It was the duty of all ex-Servicemen, if only for the protection of their bread and butter, to be members of this Association. So far as he could see, the ex-Servicemen in the Free State were nobody's children. They were "dumped" down here to work for the Imperial Government, but they had nobody at their elbow to whom they could speak, and no Parliament to which they could appeal. Therefore, they had to be comrades of the men in London in order that their case might be taken up. He could assure them that the officers of the Executive in London had as much sympathy for them as for their comrades in England and Scotland.

He knew that some settlement had been reached, and would be submitted to the Executive Committee next Tuesday. He did not know what the terms were, but if they could get 16,000 men fixed in permanent jobs immediately, it would be "up to" the Association to do it.

The Chairman said that during the six months of its existence the Association had succeeded in enrolling 240 members, which represented 25 per cent. of the staff of the Ministry of Pensions in the area.

The officers and committee for the ensuing year were elected.

THE DIOCESE OF DUBLIN.

A meeting of the clergy and of lay representatives of the parishes and congregations in the Diocese of Dublin will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4.30 o'clock in the Diocesan Hall (late Baggotrath Church), Upper Baggot street, Dublin, to consider arrangements for financing this new undertaking. The Archbishop of Dublin will preside, and the meeting will be addressed by the Dean of Christ Church, Canon Lewis-Crosby, the Rev. A. E. Hughes, Professor Thrift, Mr. W. Ireland and Dr. A. D. Price. There will be tea at 5 o'clock.

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Uprooted Trees in front of the Chief Secretary's Lodge in Phœnix Park.

Some of the Players in the Armstrong Cup Chess Contest between Dublin University and the Sackville Chess Club.

Major H. R. Gayzer telling W. Daniels of the postponement of the Garth Hunt at Hawthorne Dale (Hants) owing to fog and frost.

A photograph taken at the Louth Hunt Ball at Beaulieu House, Drogheda. The Master (Captain R. A. B. Filgate) is standing in the centre of the group.

The oldest known Microscope, made in 1665, from the Collection of the late Sir Frank Crisp, which is to be sold by auction in London.

Viscount Knebworth jumping in the Great Britain v. Swiss Universities Ski-Race at Murren (Switzerland).

The Duchess of Atholl, M.P.; Lady Craig, and Lady Brooke at the Ulster Women's Council Luncheon at Belfast.

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BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.B." signify a simultaneous broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

1.0-2.0—Time (Greenwich). Concert of gramophone records. 3.15-3.45—Transmission to schools: "The Children in Dickens: Oliver Twist, 1838," lecture-recital by J. C. Stobart and R. E. Jeffrey. 4.0-5.0—Time (Greenwich). Music performed during afternoon tea at the Trocadero. 5.30-6.15—Children: Maurice Cole (solo pianoforte). 6.40-6.55—Lady Norah Bentinck, "Travels in Palestine." 7.0—Time (Big Ben). Weather and news. S.B. to all stations. Talk by the Radio Society of Great Britain. S.B. to all stations. Capt. P. P. Eckersley, "Technical Topics." S.B. to all stations. Local news. 7.50-8.0—Interval. 8.0—Symphony Concert. All stations programme Relayed from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. 9.30—Time (Greenwich). Weather and news. S.B. to all stations. Local news. 9.45—Symphony Concert. 10.15 (approx.)—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands, relayed from the Savoy Hotel, London. S.B. to all stations. 11.45—The Midnight Follies Cabaret, relayed from the Hotel Metropole. S.B. to all stations. 12.15 (approx.)—Close.

CHELMSFORD (5XX)—1,600 Metres (High-Power Station).

7.0-7.30—Programme S.B. from London. The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. Mayer Gordon (solo violin), Frank Reade (at the piano), "The Georgians" Concert Party: Violet Wenderby (soprano), Gertie Vincent (comedienne), Dorothy Holden (pianist), Frank Norden (entertainer), Harry Dearne (comedian), Robert Carr (baritone). 9.30—Weather and News. 9.45—The Savoy Bands. 11.45-12.15—Midnight Follies Cabaret. S.B. from London.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

2.30-4.30—Station Pianoforte Quintet. 5.0-5.30—Women. 5.30-6.45—Children. 7.0-12.15—Programme S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

3.45-5.0—Women. 6BM" Quintet. 5.0-6.30—Children. 6.30-6.45—Farmers. 7.0-12.15—Programme S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres.

3.0-4.30—Edith Gunter (soprano), Station Orchestra. 4.45-5.15 "5WA'S" "Five O'Clocks." 5.15-6.0—Children. 7.0-12.15—Programme S.B. from London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Concert. 4.30-5.0—Women. 5.0-6.0—Children. 6.30-6.35—Boy Scouts' Local News Bulletin. 7.0-12.15—Programme S.B. from London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Richard Parkinson (solo concertina), Jack Ellis (baritone), Orchestra. 3.45-5.15—Wood-Wind Quartet, Ida Cowey (soprano), Margaret McQueen on "Edith Cavell," and Recitation by Nancy McQueen. 5.15-6.30—Children. 7.0-12.15—Programme S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

3.30-4.50—The Wireless Quartet. John Courtenay (tenor). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.0-6.30—Weather for Farmers. 7.0-12.15—Programme S.B. from London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.

3.30-4.30—Orchestra. 5.30-6.30—Children. 7.0-12.15—Programme from London.

BELFAST (5BE)—435 Metres.

4.0-5.0—Children. Flora Shaw (solo pianoforte). 5.0-5.30—The Dunsani Programme. 6.30-6.15—Children. 6.40-6.55—Mr. Harry Townend, B.F. from Aberdeen. 7.0-12.15—Programme S.B. from London.

ULSTER'S PROSPERITY.

MINISTER OF LABOUR'S MESSAGE.

The Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, D.L., Minister of Labour for Northern Ireland, last night delivered an address on "The Development of Ulster's Prosperity," which was broadcast from Belfast. In Ulster, he said, their prosperity had depended almost entirely on three industries—farming, linen and shipbuilding, with its partner, engineering. This triple basis was undoubtedly too narrow to be a secure industrial foundation for their province. They must aim, therefore, not only at its development, but at its augmentation.

In regard to agriculture, he hoped that before many months passed every tenant farmer in Northern Ireland would become the owner of the land he tilled, that a new confidence and ambition produced by the realisation of that ownership would encourage intensive cultivation and other methods which, in these days of foreign competition, he considered essential to success. It was all important that farm produce should be marketed in a manner that would secure for Ulster produce a name second to none.

Having spoken of the linen trade's vicissitudes and of the injury wrought by the dumping of surplus foreign stocks, he said that whether it would be possible or not to extend to the linen and other trades in Northern Ireland—especially those in their infancy—the Safeguarding of Industries Act remained to be seen. Although the shipbuilding industry had been depressed as the result of post-war conditions, it gave them confidence to remember that their Ulster shipyards had a world-wide reputation, and when trade generally improved and Europe became more settled there was every reason to expect that their yards would retain their position of pre-eminence in the shipbuilding world.

The creation of new industries must, to a great extent, depend on the courage and foresight of their industrial leaders, and on the adaptability and industry of their workers. The Northern Government was ready and willing to play its part, and it had embodied certain proposals of its Commission on the subject in recent legislation. Incidentally, he mentioned that for the first time oxygen was being produced in Ulster on a commercial scale.

If Northern Ireland was to become what they all wished to see her, they could not afford to have idlers of any class. It was absolutely essential that each individual should pull his weight. Their industrial life was a partnership, and must be worked as a partnership.

Dr. W. A. Riddell, the Canadian representative on the League of Nations, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Belabd as Canadian delegate at the International Opium Conference at Geneva.

THE TEA MARKET.

CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT'S OPERATIONS.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, M.P., Secretary to the Parliamentary Committee of the Co-operative Congress, gave evidence before the Royal Commission on Food Prices yesterday afternoon. He was asked about the operations of his organisation in the tea market.

The Chairman said he had had a great many letters making statements to the effect that witness's organisation had been making purchases of unusually large size, and it was stated that, as a result of those operations, they had been securing control of a very considerable proportion of the supplies, actually and prospectively. Would witness, as representing all those great organisations which made such claims to be serving the community, as a whole, undertake to let him have a complete statement of their operations on the tea market, in confidence?

The witness said that the co-operative movement had nothing to conceal. He would do his best to obtain the information, and he hoped that the Chairman would ask for similar information from other people.

The Chairman—I have asked other people for information where I have had letters of complaint. This tea situation is acute. Doubtless, you have seen what has been said of action by the Co-operative Society in producing that situation. I think it is desirable that the public should realise at once that you, as representative of the Co-operative organisation, are going to let us have the full facts.

Witness—To show that we are public benefactors, I hope!

The Chairman—To show what you have been doing—if it has been to the benefit of the public, or if it has been the other thing.

The Commission adjourned until to-morrow.

CRUELTY TO CATTLE.

DISHORNED WITHOUT AN ANÆSTHETIC.

Judge Linehan at Dungannon yesterday reversed the decision of an Aughnacloy bench to dismiss a charge brought by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals against Robert J. Reid, Carntell, of cruelty to cattle by dishorning six animals without using an anæsthetic.

The judge, in inflicting a nominal fine of 5s. and £1 1s. costs, said that he was delighted to find that the Society was active in Tyrone. It would be well for people to know that an anæsthetic must be used to prevent the undue suffering of animals.

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A private company has been registered in Dublin under the title of the Siemens-Schuckert (Ireland), Ltd., with offices in Ulster Bank Chambers, 3 and 4 Sackville street, Dublin, and the nominal capital is £10,000 in one pound shares. The first directors are:—

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WEMBLEY'S RE-OPENING.

ANOTHER MILITARY TATTOO THIS YEAR.

"All the outstanding difficulties incidental to the re-opening of the British Empire Exhibition have now been settled," states Sir Travers Clarke. The question of Sunday opening is at present under consideration, and an announcement on the subject will be made shortly. Practically all the Dominions and Colonies have signified their willingness to take part in this year's Exhibition, and more than 90 per cent. of the guarantors have agreed to allow their guarantees to stand for another year.

A big programme of first-class attractions in the Stadium is promised. The military tattoo, which was so successful last year, will be repeated, but in a quite new form; and efforts will be made to arrange a really good circus.

Applications for space in the Palace of Industry and Palace of Engineering are now invited from firms which did not take part in last year's British Empire Exhibition.

TEACHERS' PENSIONS.

On the grounds that he is not aware of any considerable demand for the concessions, and that a change would necessitate an additional charge on the Exchequer, the Minister for Finance in Northern Ireland has refused the request of the Pensioned Teachers' Union that pensions should be paid monthly, instead of quarterly. Pensions are now paid monthly in the Free State.

Curtailed production in the American section of the Lancashire cotton industry is to continue to the end of this month.

RAILWAYS OF ULSTER.

TRAFFIC RETURN FIGURES.

The Northern Ireland Ministry of Transport states that the total number of journeys in October, 1924, taken by passengers originating on railways situated (1) wholly in Northern Ireland and (2) partly in Northern Ireland and the throughout receipts from passenger train traffic (including season tickets and parcels and miscellaneous traffic, but excluding mails and parcels post) were:—Passenger journeys—Railways wholly in Northern Ireland—October, 1924, 466,185; decrease compared with October, 1923, 72,952—13.5 per cent. Railways partly in Northern Ireland—October, 1924, 502,839; decrease compared with October, 1923, 48,963 —8.9 per cent.

Passenger Train Receipts.—Railways wholly in Northern Ireland—October, 1924, £44,361; decrease compared with October, 1923, £5,231 —10.5 per cent. Railways partly in Northern Ireland—October, 1924, £77,975; decrease compared with October, 1923, £12,914—14.2 per cent.

The total tonnages of freight traffic forwarded (excluding free-hauled traffic) were:—Railways wholly in Northern Ireland—October, 1924, 34,564 tons; decrease compared with October, 1923, 3,764 tons—9.3 per cent. Railways partly in Northern Ireland—October, 1924, 139,309 tons; decrease compared with October, 1923, 24,694 tons—15.1 per cent.

The total freight ton-miles (excluding free-hauled traffic) worked over the railways wholly in Northern Ireland were 1.3 per cent. less than in October, 1923, while those worked over railways partly in Northern Ireland decreased by 23.7 per cent.

The Japanese Embassy in London is without any information confirmatory of the report of the proposed transfer of Baron Hayashi from London.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE APPEAL.

SUCCESSFUL CINDERELLA DANCE.

One of the most successful dances of the season was the Cinderella held on Tuesday evening last in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, in aid of the St. John Ambulance appeal. Over 150 couples were present, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the dance.

A variety of carnival novelties, generously presented by Messrs. Hely and Co. and Messrs. Lawrence and Co., were distributed among the patrons, and they added greatly to the festive appearance of the dancers and the ballroom.

Among those present were:—Sir John and Lady Lumsden, Mrs. Elkington, Miss E. F. Blandford, Mr. M. P. Rowan, Mr. and Mrs. Bolger and party, Miss Oliphant, Mrs. W. R. Murphy and party, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, Miss Evans, Mr. F. Glynn and party, Miss Barrington, Miss Foley, Miss Hall, Mr. S. Hayes, Mr. M. Talbot, Mr. T. Prescott, Mr. H. Briscoe, Mr. and Miss Halpin, Miss Day, Mr. A. McDonald, Miss E. O'Donnell, Miss Agatha Doyle and party, Mr. J. H. Webb and party, Mrs. Maud Walsh, Mr. Desmond Walsh, etc.

The Committee who assisted Mrs. Bolger to organise the dance have reason to feel gratified at the result of their efforts, by which the St. John Ambulance appeal will benefit very substantially.

THE LATE LORD PENTLAND.

The remains of Lord Pentland were removed from London last night for burial at Edinburgh to-day. Among those at King's Cross was Sir Donald MacLean.

ESTIMATES FOR SLIGO MENTAL HOSPITAL.

AN INCREASED TOTAL.

At a meeting of the Sligo Mental Hospital Committee on Tuesday last, the Secretary submitted his estimate for the coming year, which amounted to £38,880, as compared with £34,500 for last year.

He pointed out that the estimate for last year, when submitted to the Committee, was reduced, and that it was further reduced subsequently by the County Council by £1,100. These reductions, together with increased expenditure on provisions and fuel, which occurred during the year, had the result of placing them with a debit balance at the end of the year of £3,800. A contributory factor was the increased number of patients, which cost roughly £800.

Mr. B. J. Maguire said that if the institution was to be maintained drastic economies must be effected, and all departments not considered essential must either be eliminated completely or temporarily suspended.

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FUTURE OF RED SPLASH.

BODDAM'S FINE PERFORMANCE.

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FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday Night.

The Grand National entry will be published to-morrow, but I learn that it is a smaller one than usual, numbering only sixty-five horses, as against seventy-three last year. There will be one horse missing whom many people expected to see in the entry, and who has been kept at a short price. This is Major Wyndham's Red Splash. Mr. Withington, his trainer, told me to-day at Hurst Park that he has not entered him in the National, but has put him in the Champion 'Chase on the following day, and will run him there, all being well with him. Red Splash is now only a six-year-old, so probably his trainer is wise in not making a frontal attack on the great prize this year. The fact that he is to be trained for the Champion 'Chase seems to dispose of the reports that his wind has gone hopelessly wrong, and so on.

The weather was wretched at Hurst Park this afternoon, and the going was in a terrible condition, not even the oldest jockey riding at the meeting could remember it worse, and yet the racing was by no means bad, and there were more falls at the last meeting here, under much better conditions. There were only four runners for the January Handicap Steeplechase, and all four—Beggar's End, Maxtoi, Wee Laddie and Headmaster—were backed. Maxtoi, who finally won the race, being the outsider of the party. Wee Laddie was blinded at the very first fence, and came down, and then Headmaster made strong running from Beggar's End. The latter went to the front in the straight, but abad blunder at the last fence settled his chance. Headmaster was then left with the lead, but F. B. Rees brought Maxtoi with a rattle, and Frank Hartigan's horse, showing a fine speed, beat the other by a length.

Hartigan's stable also won the Cardinal's Selling Hurdle, in which Charles O'Malley's wonderful old son, the eleven-year-old Golly Eyes, beat Southover by a short head in a fine finish. Another eleven-year-old Irish bred in Ardgour, well ridden by Mr. Bisgood, won the Amateur Riders' Handicap Steeplechase by a length and a half from Cashbox, his fifth race since being sold in October for 55 guineas.

LEE BRIDGE BLUNDERS.

Lee Bridge, who was ridden by his owner, Mr. R. G. Shaw, Lady Astor's son, looked like winning when he blundered two fences from home and fell at the last. Imprudence again showed what a smart young hurdler he is when he won the Mole Four-Year-Old Hurdle in a canter from Tutankhamen and Cloth of Gold. Tutankhamen was just the better favourite, but Imprudence had him in difficulties between the last two hurdles.

The outstanding performance of the day was that of the splendid hurdler, Boddam, who, under 12st. 10lbs. and in terrible conditions, was only beaten a length and a half in the New Year Hurdle by Crock Hill, to whom he was giving nearly 2st. Those who remember Crock Hill when in Mr. R. H. Walker's stable in Ireland will know what a useful horse he was, and he had recently shown good form when second to Confirmation on this course. After King Pippin had dropped out, Border Ranger took it up, but was challenged at the last hurdle by Crock Hill, who soon headed him. Boddam then came on, and, if he failed he failed gloriously, in trying to give away the weight.

Lord Derby's Irish purchase, Ireland's Hope, makes his English *début* in the Novices' Steeplechase to-morrow, but I do not gather that there is any fancy for him, so I pass over his chance and choose RADIANT RIVER, who has been well schooled over a country to win.

Darragh has been sent from Ayr to run for the Richmond Maiden Hurdle, but may be beaten by MUSTELINE, a one-pace horse, who will be suited by the conditions. I like the chances of YORICK in the Norbiton Handicap Steeplechase, and of GEM in the Mitre Handicap Steeplechase.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

HURST PARK.

1.0 Race—6 to 4 agst. Silken Prince, 5 to 2 Con Cregan, 7 to 2 FitzPicton, 7 to 1 Kroongart, 8 to 1 Redshank, 10 to 1 Snow Man, 100 to 7 any other.

1.30 Race—5 to 2 agst. Mr. Madcap, 7 to 2 Glanmore, 9 to 2 Top Light, 5 to 1 Carrolstown, 7 to 1 Good Points, 8 to 1 each Ammonal and Dash o' White, 10 to 1 Merry Miner, 100 to 8 any other.

2.0 Race—6 to 4 agst. Musteline, 11 to 4 Darragh, 4 to 1 Desert Chief, 5 to 1 Hard Court, 8 to 1 Aruntius, 10 to 1 Mark Anthony, 100 to 7 any other.

2.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. Gem, 3 to 1 Sir Huon, 7 to 2 Mainsail, 5 to 1 Hawker, 7 to 1 each Lightfoot and Old Tay Bridge, 8 to 1 James Pigg.

3.0 Race—5 to 2 agst. May King, 3 to 1 Apple Pie, 9 to 2 Child of the Hills, 6 to 1 Wild Swan, 7 to 1 Tomahawk, 10 to 1 any other.

3.30 Race—5 to 4 agst. Confirmation, 7 to 2 Perahara, 5 to 1 Royal Scot, 7 to 1 each Charlie Wise and Gold Willow, 8 to 1 Tommy Long, 10 to 1 Sodalis, 100 to 8 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

HURST PARK.

1. 0—Con Cregan.
1.30—Mr. Madcap.
2. 0—Desert Chief.
2.30—Gem.
3. 0—May King.
3.30—Confirmation.

DOUBLE—Desert Chief (nap) and Confirmation.

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Radiant River. Double — Palomides and Radiant River.

Daily News :—Double—Gem and Confirmation.

Daily Express :—Double — Commander Smith and Confirmation. Safety bet—Commander Smith (to win).

Daily Mirror :—Double—Darragh (nap) and Hong Kong.

Daily Graphic :—Double—Good Points and Confirmation.

ASSOCIATION.

F.A. CUP.

FIRST ROUND—REPLAYED TIES.

	Goals.		Goals.
Southampton	3	Exeter City	1
Blackpool	1	Barrow	0
Darlington	0	Cardiff City	0
West Ham United	0	Arsenal	0

HURST PARK RESULTS.

1.0—AMATEURS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Second receives 25 sovs. and third 15 sovs. 3 m. 180 yards.

Mr. G. N. Bennett's br. g. ARDGOUR, by Ardoon—Goura, a, 12-4 ... Mr. Bisgood 1
Mr. R. H. Allen's CASH BOX, a, 11-0 ... Mr. R. Read 2
Captain A. E. Grant's LIBRETTO, a, 11-9 ... Owner 3

Also ran—Lee Bridge (Owner), Ardonian (Captain de Wend Fenton), Little Wavelet (Owner). Off 1.3. (Winner trained by G. Bennett.)

Betting—"Sporting Life"—5 to 4 agst. ARDGOUR, 5 to 1 each Libretto, Cash Box and Lee Bridge, 10 to 1 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle"—9 to 2 agst. Libretto.

Won by a length and a half; a bad third. Little Wavelet and Lee Bridge fell.

1.30—CARDINAL'S SELLING HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 2 m.

Mr. F. Hartigan's br. g. GOLLY-EYES, by Charles O'Malley — Amantine, a, 12-2 ... G. Duller 1
Sir H. Bird's SOUTHOVER, 4, 10-4 ... H. Gordon 2
Mr. T. F. Hooley's THE JESTER, a, 12-2 ... T. Leader 3

Also ran—Brownstown (W. Balding), Santavon (Donnelly), Konky (Stott), His Excellency (T. James), Ballingarry (W. Gramp), Skias (A. J. Smith), Venetian Rose (F. Allden), Skystar (F. Wootton), Magenta (A. Smyth). Off 1.31. (Winner trained by F. Hartigan.)

Betting—"Sporting Life"—2 to 1 agst. Santavon, 9 to 4 GOLLY-EYES, 7 to 1 each Skystar and The Jester, 10 to 1 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle"—Same.

Won by a short head; three lengths.

The winner was bought in for 110 guineas.

2.0—WALTON SELLING H'CAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 3 m. 180 yards.

Mr. C. Piggott's b. m. SOUTHERN GLEAM, by Southannan — Red Glow, a, 11-12 ... K. Piggott 1
Mr. Parrish's HEATHENCOTE, a, 11-7 ... W. Gurney 2
Mr. Wood's WHITE COCKADE, a, 11-7 ... S. Stanley 3

Also ran—Martes (Parvin), Roisel (I. Morgan). Off 2.1. (Winner trained by C. Piggott.)

Betting — "Sporting Life" — 11 to 10 agst. SOUTHERN GLEAM, 5 to 2 Heathencote, 8 to 1 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle"—9 to 4 agst. Heathencote.

Won by three lengths; a bad third.

The winner was sold to Captain J. B. Powell for 400 guineas.

2.30—NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 300 sovs. Second to receive 35 sovs. and third 15 sovs. 2 m.

Capt. Davey's b. h. CROCK HILL, by Kosmos Bey—Barley Hill, a, 10-13 ... G. Duller 1
Mr. A. H. Tennant's BODDAM, 6, 12-10 ... Tighe 2
Mrs. H. G. Gregson's BORDER RANGER, 5, 11-6 ... T. Hogan, jun. 3

Also ran—Red Or (P. Fleming), Herne the Hunter (G. Calder), King Pippin (K. Piggott), Simon's Light (W. Stott), Old Nic (F. Rees). Off 2.31. (Winner trained by Goby.)

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—3 to 1 each agst. CROCK HILL and Border Ranger, 5 to 1 each King Pippin and Old Nic, 6 to 1 Boddam, 10 to 1 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle"—100 to 30 agst. CROCK HILL.

Won by a length and a half; two lengths.

3.0—JANUARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Second receives 25 sovs. and third 10 sovs. 2 m. 310 yds.

Mr. Eric Platt's b. h. MAXTOI, by Santoi—Leastown, a, 12-2 ... F. Rees 1
Mr. T. W. Blenkiron's HEAD MASTER, a, 10-13 ... L. Rees 2
Lord Queenborough's BEGGAR'S END, a, 12-6 ... Tighe 3

Also ran :—Wee Laddie (W. Hill). Off 3.0. (Winner trained by F. Hartigan.)

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—5 to 2 each Beggar's End and Head Master, 3 to 1 Wee Laddie, 100 to 30 MAXTOI.

"Sporting Chronicle"—Same.

Won by a length; four lengths.

3.30—MOLE FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. For four-year-olds only which, at closing, have not won a hurdle race. Second 25 sovs. and third 10 sovs. 2 m.

Mrs. Cornelius' b. g. IMPRUDENCE, by Junior—Soldier's Daughter, 10-9 ... L. Ringstead 1
Mr. H. M. Stobart's TUTANKHAMEN, 11-5 ... G. Duller 2
Mr. J. Baydis's CLOTH OF GOLD, 11-0 ... T. Leader 3

Also ran :—Irish Cheddar (F. Wootton), Great Span (W. Smyth), North Ham (Veal), Farias (W. Parvin), Benny Glow (Tighe), Flint Stone (Fitton), Solar Eclipse (A. Smyth), Witness (Ingham). Off 3.32. (Winner trained by Larkin.)

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—7 to 4 agst. Tutankhamen, 2 to 1 IMPRUDENCE, 7 to 1 Solar Eclipse, 10 to 1 Flint Stone, 100 to 8 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle"—9 to 4 agst. IMPRUDENCE, 100 to 12 Cloth of Gold.

Won by three lengths; four lengths.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

An interesting programme is provided for the final day at Hurst Park. The going is naturally heavy and, with the promise of more rain to come, the prospects are not too bright. The Mitre Steeplechase is the chief race of the day, for which Mainsail, who ran so well behind Drinmond at Newbury, is due to compete. He should nearly win, but only in the absence of Ruddyglow would he be my selection. The last-named won in a canter at Newbury. True, the opposition was weak, but now that he is running into form he should gradually improve, and I give him a somewhat confident vote. In the Mortlake Hurdle I have a great liking for Hong Kong, who ran well at Gatwick behind Signet, and will be well suited by the fast nature of this track. Selections :—

Bridge Steeplechase—**Poole's selected.**
Norbiton Steeplechase—**Mr. Madcap.**
Richmond Hurdle—**Darragh.**
Mitre Steeplechase—**Ruddyglow.**
Novices' Steeplechase—**Apple Pie.**
Mortlake Hurdle—**Hong Kong.**

1.0—BRIDGE SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Second receives 10 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 2 m. 310 yds. Age st. lb.

SILKEN PRINCE (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin a 12 0
FITZPICTON (Capt. H. C. Davey) ... Goby a 11 2
SNOW MAN (Mr. J. W. Wood) ... Stanley a 10 13
REDSHANK (Mr. T. Hulme) ... Hulme 6 10 5
(The above have arrived.)
GLENGARRY II. (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown a 12 3
HACKDENE (Mr. E. A. V. Stanley) Hastings 5 12 0
PROSPERITZ (Mr. J. S. Counsell) E. Piggott a 11 10
HAVE A CARE (Maj. D. M. Methven) Powell a 11 8
CRAGGIE ROCK (Mr. T. Hartigan) C. Young a 11 8
TIM (Mr. J. W. Wood) ... Stanley a 11 7
ST. JAGO (Miss E. Cobbold) ... Bullock a 11 6
COMMANDER SMITH (Mr. R. F. Goad) J. Nightingall a 11 1
WRANGLE (Mr. P. Thrale) ... W. Payne a 11 0
THE SAINT IV. (Mr. B. Warner) Rietsoe a 10 12
WOODSIDE LAD (Mrs. W. C. Earl) E. Piggott a 10 12
CON CREGAN (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown a 10 10
ORMSKIRK (Mr. T. Frankland) ... A. Law a 10 7
KROONGART (Mr. H. W. Brown) W. Payne a 10 6
CHIEF CAPTAIN (Mr. E. H. Bartholomew) ... Kelly 8 10 6
FINANCIER (Mr. J. Hutton) ... G. Poole a 10 4
CARBURINE (Mr. S. J. Hyde) ... Hyde a 10 3
THE STAR (Mr. R. Williams) ... H. Law a 10 3
THE ANTELOPE II. (Major D. M. Methven) ... Powell a 10 0

1.30—NORBITON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. For horses which, at closing, have not won a handicap steeplechase of 150 sovs. since 1923. Second receives 25 sovs., and third 10 sovs. 2 m. 310 yds. Age st. lb.

BEGGAR'S END (Lord Queenborough) Gore 10 12 4
SIR HUON (Lord Woolavington) ... Gore 1' 11 12
MR. MADCAP (Mrs. C. Jones) ... Newey 8 11 9
AMMONAL (Mr. J. W. Wood) ... Stanley 8 11 8
GLANMORE (Lord Ednam) ... McDongal 5 11 2
TOP LIGHT (Lieut.-Col. D. C. Part) Hastings 7 11 2
DASH O' WHITE (Mr. W. G. Clarke) Goby 8 10 10
MERRY MINER (Mr. K. W. Milnes) E. Doyle 9 10 8
(The above have arrived.)
NORTH WALTHAM (Mr. P. R. Savill) A. Law 8 12 10
BEN CRUCHAN (Mr. W. H. Whitbread) S. Bennet 11 11 11
BALLYMACRORY (Mr. R. C. Ross) R. Moss 8 11 10
GOOD POINTS (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) H. A. Brown 10 11 8
MITCHELLS (Capt. Ainslie Walker) W. Nightingall 6 11 7
START AGAIN (Mr. S. Bennett) S. Bennet 7 11 5
KNOCKCROGHERY II. (Mr. H. A. Brown) ... H. A. Brown 11 11 4
CUCKMERE LAD (Mr. P. Strange) T. Wilson 10 11 3
WEE LADDIE (Capt. H. C. Davey) Goby 6 11 3
DEVONPORT (Mr. F. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 10 10 11
CARROLSTOWN (Miss W. G. Knight) G. Bennett 9 10 11
ITALIAN SUMMER (Mr. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett 8 10 10
BRIGHT BLUE (Mr. F. W. Wilmot) G. Poole 10 10 10
YORICK (Mr. J. Harris) ... Hyams 7 10 9
FRENCH LEAVE (Mr. A. D. C. Halford) H. Law 6 10 9
10th DIVISION (Mr. J. T. Rogers) Owner 9 10 9

DINAH MORRIS (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 9 10 9
BALLINVALLEY (Mr. H. E. Steel) Whitaker 7 10 9
ROSY SUN (Lt.-Col. C. M. Jickling) Kemp 8 10 9
SOUTHPOOL (Mrs. G. N. Bennett) G. Bennett 7 10 7
BANTER (Mr. W. F. Larkin) ... Larkin 9 10 7
LADY BELGIAN (Mrs. K. Renwick) Westmorland 6 10 6
APPLE PIE (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 6 10 5
DON (Mr. T. L. Walker) ... Hastings 6 10 4
GREENLAWN (Mr. K. Goode) S. Benett 6 10 0
ICEMORE (Mrs. J. Scott) ... J. Scott 9 10 0
THE LOUT (Mr. S. Moore) ... Davey 6 10 0

2.0—RICHMOND MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs., maidens at closing. Second receives 30 sovs., and third 15 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

MUSTELINE (Mr. H. J. Delaforce) W. Nightingall 4 11 10
DARRAGH (Mr. T. Queen) ... Wyllie 5 11 8
DESERT CHIEF (Mr. H. F. Sturdy) T. Leader 5 11 8
HARD COURT (Mr. H. M. Stobart) J. M. Bell 4 10 12
(The above have arrived.)
DARK DAVID (Mr. C. M. Hennessey) McKenna 5 12 1
PALOMIDES (Mr. H. Forsyth) F. Hartigan 8 11 12
IRISH ELF (Mr. A. E. Aston) E. Doyle 6 11 12
FOUNDATION (Mr. H. J. Beam) Dale 7 11 12
LAUZUN (Mrs. Boswell) ... Whitaker 7 11 12
DRIVE ON (Sir Alfred Butt) Woodland 6 11 12
TUDOR KING (Mr. J. S. Courtauld) A. Law 5 11 8
VERNEUIL II. (Mr. T. R. Higgins) Hackett 5 11 8
TIBET (Mr. Hoboken) ... Knel 5 11 8
DOWSER (Mr. G. Hooper) J. T. Dodd 5 11 8
AZIMUTH (Mr. Gilbert Johnstone) E. Piggott 5 11 8
UP GARRYOWEN (Mr. H. Kershaw) Anthony 5 11 8
ARCHANGEL (Mr. W. F. Larkin) Larkin 5 11 8
ROYAL SILVER (Mr. Mather) Larkin 5 11 8
BRIXTON (Capt. L. Montagu) F. Hartigan 5 11 8
GLENSHESK (Capt. C. B. Petre) Rayson 5 11 8
JEVINGTON LASS (Mr. W. Philip) Philip 5 11 8
MARK ANTHONY II. (Mr. H. Abrahams) G. Poole 5 11 8
ARUNTIUS (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin 4 10 12
PROSPICE (Maj. D. Dixon) ... Gore 4 10 12
PASHA (Mr. Sol Joel) ... Earl 4 10 12
PHALCES (Mr. Sol Joel) Westmorland 4 10 12
HARWICK (Mr. A. Prince) ... Hedges 4 10 12
GOLDEN BRICK (Mr. T. W. Blenkiron) W. Nightingall 5

2.30—MITRE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 350 sovs. Second receives 35 sovs. and third 15 sovs. 3 m. 180 yds. Age st. lb.

HAWKER (Mr. T. B. Bennett) Coulthwaite a 12 8
OLD TAY BRIDGE (Mrs. W. H. Dixon) F. Hartigan a 12
SIR HUON (Ld. Woolavington) ... Gore a 11 8
GEM (Major C. W. M. Norrie) G. Bennett a 11 6
RUDDY GLOW (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) (7lb. ex.) ... H. A. Brown a 11 6
AMMONAL (Mr. J. W. Wood) ... Stanley a 11 2
LIGHTFOOT (Mr. Brownhill) ... Brownhill a 11 1
MAINSAIL (Mr. R. C. Wells) ... Woodland a 10 12
JAMES PIGG (Mr. J. W. Corrigan) T. Leader a 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
CHIN CHIN (Sir Francis Price) ... Gilbert a 12 7
THE BLEEKA (Mr. M. V. McKevitt) G. Poole a 11 11
SUPER MAN (Mr. W. A. Bankier) Hastings a 11 9

3.0—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs., for horses that have not won a 'chase at starting. Second receives 25 sovs., and third 10 sovs. 2 m. 310 yds. Age st. lb.

RATHCOOLE (Mrs. Chester Beatty) G. Poole a 12 4
RADIANT RIVER (Mr. Beer) Leach, jun. 6 12 4
MAY KING (Mrs. D. Coats) ... McDougal 6 12 4
IRELAND'S HOPE (Ld. Derby) Whitaker 6 12 4
PHANTOM FOX (Mr. H. Forester) Woodland 6 12 4
PAUL (Mr. W. T. Sears) ... Westmorland a 12 4
WILD SWAN (Sir Edward Edgar) Whitaker 5 11 12
(The above have arrived.)
EAST LINCOLN (Capt. Covell) ... Killalee 6 12 4
RED CONRAD (Mr. D. Crossman) ... Pope 6 12 4
ATTABOY (Mr. R. B. Davison) E. Piggott 6 12 4
GAPPIE (Mr. T. Frankland) ... A. Law 8 12 4
CHILD OF THE HILLS (Mr. Frame) Killalee a 12 4
PREDIAL (Mr. P. Goodman) ... Larkin 6 12 4
BRIGHT PROSPECT (Mr. W. A. Hodson) ... Lerwill 6 12 4
RATHLUCK (Lord Londesborough) H. A. Brown a 12 4
MOUNTAIN LAND (Mr. C. A. Ringwood) ... Lerwill 6 12 4
PAULINUS (Miss Helen Rodocanachi) Powell 6 12 4
BLANK CARTRIDGE (Capt. R. J. L. Speed) ... Jackson 6 12 4
TOMAHAWK (Mr. W. Weil) W. Nightingall a 12 4
KHOOSH (Miss Start) ... Whitaker 6 12 4
MERRY MAN (Mrs. Willett) ... Willett 6 12 4
APPLE PIE (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 6 12 4
DINAH MORRIS (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton a 12 4
CONDOROLIN (Mr. Stanley Wootton) E. Doyle 6 12 4
BACHELOR'S MODEL (Mr. G. N. Bennett) ... G. Bennett 5 11 12
ARDAILE (Lady Edgar) ... Whitaker 5 11 12
UNCERTAIN (Mr. T. A. Edge) ... Smyth 5 11 12
MANTELET (Mr. C. C. Hatry) C. Young 5 11 12
WOOER (Col. A. G. Hore-Ruthven) Withington 4 10 10
PONGO (Baron F. de Tuyll) F. Hartigan 4 10 10
AISLE (Mr. O. Birkbeck) ... T. Leader 6 (n.q.)

3.30—MORTLAKE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. Second receives 25 sovs. and third 10 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

CHARLIE WISE (Mr. Saunders) ... Martin 6 11 3
PHAROAH (Miss T. Coulman) H. Hedges 6 11 0
SIMON'S LIGHT (Mrs. C. Jones) Newey 6 10 11
ROYAL SCOT (Mr. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 4 10 10
GOLD WILLOW (Mr. H. Johnstone) T. Leader 5 10 0
SODALIS (Mr. A. H. Tennent) H. Turner 5 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
ARGO (9lb. ex.) (Lord Londesborough) Coulthwaite 6 12 10
RED OR (Mr. E. Bartholomew) ... Kelly 6 11 13
SIGNET (9lb. ex.) (Mr. F. W. Wilmot) G. Poole 6 11 11
HONG KONG (Mr. A. Jones) ... H. Turner 5 11 10
CONFIRMATION (Mr. S. Cohen) ... Tabor 5 11 9
PERAHARA (Mr. H. Collins) G. Bennett 5 11 9
TULLYLOST (Mr. J. Putnam) ... G. Poole 6 11 7
TOMMY LONG (Mr. Greenwood) ... Allden 6 11 4
ENVOY (Mr. H. A. Brown) ... H. A. Brown 6 11 0
CHARLES SURFACE (Mr. Wigan) Gore 8 10 12
BALLYRAG (Mr. F. W. Baker) ... East 6 10 11
DR. BARNEY (Mr. A. Aston) ... E. Doyle 7 10 10
BRANDYBALL (Mrs. John Howeson) W. Nightingall 6 10 7
ARCHANGEL (Mr. W. F. Larkin) Larkin 5 10 5
MARTINIQUE (Mr. A. Halford) ... H. Law 6 10 5
THE OCK (Mr. J. E. Cottrell) ... Gilbert 6 10 4
PETTY CURY (Mr. T. Hartigan) Young 7 10 3
PERICO (Mrs. C. Stevens) ... Stevens 8 10 3

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

NEWBURY MEETING.

Sefton Steeplechase—Paul.
United Services' Cup—Royal Chancellor.
Weyhill Handicap Hurdle—Boddam.
Moderate Hurdle—Double Dahlia, Twenty-First.
Four-Year-Old Hurdle and Berkshire Hurdle—Pasha.
Newbury engagements—Ned Carver, First Magic, Flaming Sword.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mapperley Handicap Steeplechase, Leicester—Grenhurst.
Leicester engagements—Buzz On.
Princess of Wales Stakes, Newmarket; Gordon Stakes, Goodwood; and Hardwick Stakes, Ascot—Siba III.
Leicester engagements—Snake Ash, Moonbeam.
Hurst Park engagements, January 15—Henry B, Ned Carver, Lukeston, Flaming Sword.
All published Handicaps—Ballymacrory.
All engagements—Mount Etna, Santoz, Lucky Prince (dead).

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

We understand that the Grand National Steeplechase has closed with an entry of 65, which, although eight in number less than last season's entry, is thoroughly representative and of an international character.

For the Liverpool Hurdle Race, 62 nominations were sent in, seven less than last season; but the subscription to the Foxhunters' Steeplechase discloses a gratifying increase of about a dozen.

We understand that the appeal against the decision of the local Stewards referring to the objection against Rathcore, winner of the Wivelsfield Hurdle at Plumpton, has been dismissed. Rathcore was objected to on the grounds that the trainer did not hold a licence.

E. H. Liddell, the Olympic champion, was presented with a special medal by Mr. J. D. McKinlay, Chairman of the General Committee of the Scottish Amateur Association, at Glasgow, yesterday, in recognition of his wonderful performance in the Paris Olympic Games.

France will have at least one competitor in the Grand National this year, M. Tillement having entered his aged horse, Gorey, by Oversight—Givre. Gorey won the Prix Maubourguet at Auteuil over two miles and a quarter on December 7, and the Prix de la Haye Jousselin, over the same course, on November 30.

Mr. G. K. D. Glen's 8 months' old Kerry Blue puppy, Glengowan Blue Spark, won two firsts at Glasgow and Greenock Shows recently. The puppy was purchased a short time ago from the breeder, Mr. F. J. O'Reilly, Balrothery, Balbriggan, and is by Champion Rog Tailteann, ex Granuaile.

IRISH FIELD.

A letter on Cross-Channel Racing, by one of the best-known writers, appears in the *Irish Field* weekly, under the *nom-de-plume* of "Barcaldine."—(Advt.)

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

January.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 17th	Palmerston	1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Dunlavin	11. 0
Saturday, 17th	Betaghstown X-roads	11. 0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Tankardstown	11. 0
Friday, 16th	Kilmessan	11. 0

BRAY HARRIERS.—Saturday, 17th, Cabinteely. At 1.30.

FINGAL HARRIERS.—Friday, 16th, Nag's Head. At 12.0.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS—Saturday, 17th, Crumlin Commons. At 2.0.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

A meet at Killua Castle on Saturday last finished the week, when two foxes found at Addinstown, one in the wild gorse and one in Mr. Adamson's well-looked-after covert, gave good hunts, the latter one ending in a mark to ground at Grenanstown, where the late Mr. Studdert resided for many years.

On Monday the fixture was Dowstown, when a great deal of demesne hunting followed, but there was no gallop in the open to signalise the proceedings, and I pass on to the very enjoyable day which followed, for the benefit of the large field who came from all sides to Rathbeggan. With Boylan's covert about half a mile away hounds were hunting soon after 11 o'clock, straight from the covert to the 10-Mile Bush, which they passed on the right and entered on to the Bush farm. Scent was not a "holding one," but the bitches worked along prettily, with Batterstown Station and the railway always on their left, through Parsonstown into Pelletstown. Here we may have changed foxes, as the small objective that took us back to ground at Parsonstown was, no doubt, the one we had recently hunted from there. Some time was spent in bolting him, but he managed to escape again.

The next venture was Ballymurphy, from which a fine looking fox broke towards Dunshaughlin Town, and then right-handed almost straight over the bottoms into Lagore, where a curious incident occurred. Our quarry, in jumping into the covert, landed on to a trap and was caught in it. Another fox which broke took us over the Ratoath-Dunshaughlin road and on, with Count Stolberg's house on the left, to ground a few fields beyond. Gerardstown, drawn later in the gale of wind which had just sprung up, did not hold, and we all hoped the cross-Channel journey that night would not be a bad one, as the mail boat was carrying a most valuable freight in the shape of the splendid lot of hard riding boys going back to school. They had all ridden so straight, and at the same time shown so well their knowledge of etiquette in the hunting field during the holidays. They will be greatly missed. It is quite marvellous—the size of the Meath fences they got over on comparatively small ponies.

FINGAL HARRIERS.

A GOOD FOX HUNT.

The followers of this pack had a capital day's sport from the meet at Palmerstown on Tuesday. Finding a hare on Mr. Draper's lands, hounds ran through Miss Doyle's farm at Palmerstown, straight to The Follies, then swinging to the right went over Jordanstown, and, crossing the old lane, ran by Miss Doyle's house and on by the cemetery into the Northlands, where scent failed, after a capital hunt of 25 minutes. A holloa from Mr. T. Plunkett, who had seen a fox leave some furze, quickly had hounds on the scene, and going away very fast over the Northlands into Fieldstown, then crossing the road into Fieldstown East, hounds ran with a screaming scent over Mr. Ward's big pastures, with their formidable fences, to the Oldtown road, very few followers being in attendance here. Turning sharp to the left we crossed by the Wren's Nest into Mooretown, and still bearing to the left re-crossed Fieldstown and into Greenogue, then swinging to the right we went through Rapley to Palmerstown, and over Robertstown and Johnstown to The Follies, where our quarry was viewed, a field ahead, and running over Cornstown into Westown a very weary fox got to ground at Nutstown, after a tiring hunt of seventy minutes.

RUGBY.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY (20) V. GARRYOWEN (5).

Garryowen fulfilled their postponed fixture of January 3rd, when they took the field yesterday in the College Park, but the Limerick team suffered defeat by a goal and five tries to a goal. The weather was fine, but cold, and the attendance good, while the ground was on the soft side and very slippery in places. The game was keenly contested, but play did not reach a high level, and the Trinity backs were too good for the opposition, who were badly served with the ball, though the visiting forwards got possession oftener, yet did not heel well. Trinity played from the Grafton street end, and Garryowen forwards, led by Frawley, D. Hayes, Hanly and M'Namara, put up an attack, but Bingham cleared, and Crichton, Flood and Stuart, heading a home rush, Denis Cussen got over at the right-hand corner a couple of minutes from the start. Crichton's kick just going wide. J. Hayes sent O'Connor away, and the latter gave to Hegarty, who ran well, but his transfer to O'Sullivan went astray. Millin intercepted, and ran half the length of the ground, and, giving to Nunns, the latter returned for Millin to score near the goal, but Nunns failed to convert. Bingham was conspicuous for good defence and clearance work. Millin got hurt and went out to the left wing, R. Cussen taking his place at centre. The brothers Cussen had dashes for the line, but got held up, but soon Denis Cussen got going again, and scored at the right. Crichton just failed to add the points, and Trinity led at the interval by 3 tries to nil.

Garryowen forwards were much better in the second half, but they threw away chances by kicking too strongly ahead in the loose rushes. After a Trinity attack a free to them, taken by Crichton, went wide, but the home backs got moving, and R. Cussen got over at the left, but Crichton did not improve. Odbert, Millin and Nunns next had a movement, but it broke down at midfield. Trinity attacked, and a bout between Nunns, Millin and D. Cussen ended in the last-named going over at the right, but Sugden failed to add the points. O'Brien ran well for Garryowen, but a penalty spoiled. A good Trinity movement ended in Nunns sending Millin over for a soft try, which D. Cussen converted. Garryowen pressed strongly towards the end, and Molloy, intercepting a transfer by Nunns, scored behind the posts, for O'Sullivan to add the points.

Bingham, for the winners, played a sound game at back. The Trinity three-quarters were all aggressive, Millin, despite being lamed, and Denis Cussen being best. Sugden and Odbert had a tough job against the thrusting visiting forwards, but the former did some clever cutting through. Crichton, Flood, Dowse and Stuart were the best of the forwards. At back for Garryowen, Christie was moderate, and did not get much length into his kicks. Molloy and O'Brien were best in a three-quarter line that lacked combination. J. Hayes and O'Connor worked hard at half, and of a robust set of forwards D. Hayes, Frawley, Hanly and M'Namara were about the pick, the lot being good both in tight and loose, but lacking finish.

Result :—

Dublin University—1 goal, 5 tries (20 points).
Garryowen—1 goal (5 points).

Teams :—

Dublin University—E. A. Bingham; D. J. Cussen, T. J. Millin, C. Nunns, R. J. Cussen; A. N. Odbert, M. Sugden; O. P. Chance, R. Y. Crichton, C. Dowse, R. Flood, T. Pike, I. Stuart, I. Wilde, J. Keys.

Garryowen—S. Christie; J. Molloy, J. Hegarty, W. O'Sullivan, J. O'Brien; M. O'Connor, J. Hayes; R. Frawley (capt.), W. Griffin, J. M'Namara, P. Hanly, D. Hayes, J. Flynn, J. Glynn, W. Robinson.

Referee—Mr. T. Bell.

IRISH TRIAL TEAMS.

The teams for the first of the Irish Trial matches, to be played at Belfast on Saturday, 24th January will be selected on next Saturday night.

OLD WESLEY.—Scrum practice this evening at 7.30 at Donnybrook.

CRICKET.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA V. NEW SOUTH WALES.

ADELAIDE, January 14.

For the first time since 1913, and after a sequence of fourteen defeats, South Australia today beat New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield competition by 161 runs. When play was resumed at noon the weather was fine, but dull, and there was a good attendance. New South Wales, who at the close yesterday, had lost half their wickets for 111, continued their second innings on a good wicket. When play began they required 276 for victory from their remaining five batsmen, but chiefly owing to the fine bowling of C. V. Grimmett, they could muster only 226. Grimmett, who yesterday captured 3 wickets for 50, came out finally with the excellent figures of 6 for 103. Final scores:—South Australia, 389 and 406; New South Wales, 408 and 226.

RACKETS

THE PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

E. Jones (Eton) and Charles Read (Queen's Club) will contest the final of the Professional Championship at Queen's Club, Kensington, to-day, each winning his match yesterday. In the first semi-final Jones beat J. Laker (Malvern), and the feature of the sixty years old player's game before being beaten was his winning of the first game, his losing the next two, and then winning the fourth. Read, who is the Squash Rackets champion, and who is likely to challenge Donnisthorpe for the Professional Lawn Tennis title, won his semi-final with moderate comfort from Gerald Barnes (Haileybury). Results :—E. Jones (Eton) beat J. Laker (Malvern), 9-15, 15-4, 15-11, 12-15, 15-10; Charles Read (Queen's Club) beat Gerald Barnes (Haileybury), 15-5, 15-1, 15-12.

COURSING.

DUGGAN CUP.

Very wisely the executive of the County Louth and North Meath Club decided, in view of the possibility of a sufficiency of game not being on hands for the running off of the two sixteens in addition to the Cup, on taking the Singleton Cup out of the programme. Consequently, the card for yesterday at Oldbridge, Drogheda, was a smaller one than usual. Most of our clubs would have risked the danger of failure, and trusted to luck to carry them through, but the County Louth men are not unmindful of their indebtedness to their supporters and their obligations to the sport, and it was as well to curtail the card in the circumstances, seeing that an outcry is being raised to the coursing public against divisions, long and short.

It was a lovely day, and we had quite a lot of beautiful trials, but the coursing was mixed, for while a goodly proportion of the trials extended the entire length of the splendid stretch of ground, the hares in a number of courses proved rather soft, even when the slipper, Horan, increased the length of his deliveries. That the game was not of uniform excellence may be attributed to the severity of the weather, which must have affected the hares, though there is an abundance of cover on the hundreds of acres at Captain Coddington's place.

Mr. Gorey had but to win the Cup at this meeting to make it his absolute property, he having two previous victories to his credit. He has had a lot of trouble in his kennels this season, all his greyhounds having been down from time to time; but he elected to rely on one of his own instead of nominating one, and he was represented by Gloomy Knight, which made no sort of a show against Lannes, the latter of which was subsequently put out by Dornie.

The most stylish displays of the afternoon were those given by Mr. Roantree's Rye Ranger, a very honest and true runner of a wild hare, which may not have first-class pace, but is a real dandy on the scut, desperately keen on keeping his place. Red Eagle, a full brother to Scarlet and Silk, also showed up splendidly in his two courses with Eanar and Sgeolan, handling his hares with a considerable amount of resolution and artistry, and it should be a most interesting course between him and the favourite, What's Next, to-day in the third round.

The performances of Mr. Corcoran's brindled were quite convincing, and he lasted out a stiff course in the second round with Feabhra very well, indeed. Heather Honey owed his survival in the first round to his working, for he was led a few lengths by Washing Day, which, however, fell heavily after the turn, and may have been unlucky to have lost, although he did not merit the flag as the course was run. Glandore Boy showed pace in both his courses, but there was very little in it for the turn in his spin with Smiling Bess which, however, could not afford to surrender the opening points to such an opponent. Grandy, too, did well, and of the seven left in it would be unwise to express an opinion as to which will prevail to-day, but on yesterday's running What's Next, Red Eagle and Rye Ranger seem to have the issue between them.

An unusual incident occurred in the second round of the Mussen Cup, Mike Mac when running his course with Crockard dropping dead at the far end of the field. There was nothing outstanding among the puppies, and What E'en and Crockard may prove the best of the four survivors.

Judge—Mr. M. F. Davin. Slipper—M. Horan.

DUGGAN CUP—For 28 all-ages. Winner, £75 and Cup; second, £30; two dogs, £10 each; three dogs, £5 each.

Mr. T. McEntegart ns. bd. d. What's Next (Full Speed—Ah! What) beat Messrs. Niblock and Sweeney ns. be. w. d. Carrick-Arede (Victory Again—Day Nettle).

Mr. P. J. McNamara ns. r. f. d. Feabhra (Victorious Ally—Soft Talk II.) beat Miss J. Smith's us. d. Service Kit (Victorious Ally—Damorra).

Messrs. Hughes and Joyce's bk. w. d. Sgeolan (Again Victorious—Aileen) beat Mr. J. McDermott ns. bd. b. Margaret M. (Musical Charm—She is Slow).

Mr. C. Keane ns. r. f. d. Red Eagle (Victorious Ally—Kitty Larkin) beat Mr. Peter Flynn ns. bd. d. Eanar (Victorious Ally—Soft Talk II.).

Mr. J. Leech ns. f. b. Dolly Comfort (Beauty Boy—Dainty Dish) beat Mr. T. Timmins ns. r. f. d. Mona Star (Victorious Ally—Flying Low)

Mr. J. J. Long ns. bd. d. Grandy (Irish Steeple—Gipsy Girl) beat Mr. P. O'Brien's bd. d. Law Officer (Honeyman—Cos).

Mr. W. Duffy's f. b. Heather Honey (Lusory—Inexplicable) beat Master W. Woods ns. r. d. Washing Day (Fluet—Courtown Harbour)

Mr. R. F. Tynan's f. d. Temple Hill (Honeyman—Killarney's Beauty) beat Mr. J. Shaw's r. f. d. Sandilands (Royal Dictator—Lady Charming).

Messrs. H. and T. McAlinden's f. d. Glandore Boy (Victorious Ally—Eagerness) beat Mr. H. Mussen's f. d. Mighty Mead (Fighting Force—Herons Mead).

Mr. J. Clyne's r. f. b. Smiling Bess (Victorious Ally—Kitty Larkin) beat Mr. A. Wade ns. f. d. Cross Jack (Honeyman—Hyida Glyder).

Miss J. Langan's r. f. d. Lannes (Victorious Ally—Irish Harp) beat Mr. D. J. Gorey's bk. d. Gloomy Knight (Jack in Office—Gamorra).

Mr. James Clarke ns. f. d. Dornie (Staff Officer—Girsby) beat Mr. W. Mahon ns. w. f. d. Coolnamuck Boy (Gros Abu—Coolnamuck Lady).

Mr. V. J. Roantree's f. d. Rye Ranger (Kaiser II.—Some Stunt) beat Mr. James Pepper's bd. d. Prince Victor (Victorious Ally—Princess Polly).

Dr. J. J. Donnegan ns. r. f. d. Mount Oriel (Kaiser II.—Myrtle III.) beat Mr. J. S. Griffin's w. and bd. d. Irish Mike (Irish Cheer II.—Dolly Vardon).

II.

What's Next beat Feabhra.
Red Eagle beat Sgeolan.
Grandy beat Dolly Comfort.
Heather Honey beat Temple Hill.
Glandore Boy beat Smiling Bess.
Dornie beat Lannes.
Rye Ranger beat Mount Oriel.

MUSSEN CUP—For 16 puppies. Winner, £25 and Cup; second, £10; two dogs, £2 10/- each.

Mr. P. Meade's bd. d. Footstown (Moore's Melody—Mollie's Fancy) beat Miss Niblock's bd. d. Nyssa (The Old Firm—Flying Girl IV.)

Mr. J. Corcoran's bd. d. What E'en (Kaiser—Flynn) beat Mr. L. Grant's bk. b. Bearna Baoghal (Lusory—Boyne Lassie).

Mr. T. Timmins's f. b. The Tool (Dundrain—Clonough Cross) a bye; Mr. P. J. Flannigan's bk. d. Baltray (Lively Tune—Tubbertoby Beauty) absent.

Mr. T. Moore's f. d. Fifty-Fifty (Honeyman—Hyida Glyder) beat Mr. James Phillips' bd. d. This Tune (Lively Tune—This Time)

Messrs. Joyce and Flannigan's bd. d. Mike Mac (Mount Eagle—Aileen) beat Mr. T. Russell's f. r. d. Master Jedder (Jedderfield—Kaiser Girl) (1).

Mr. P. Mucklan's bd. d. Crockard (Lively Tune—Balmasque) beat Mr. James Byrne's bd. d. Rodeo (Tip Top VIII.—Lisbunny Star).

Mr. McDonough's bd. b. Lilac Tune (Tip Top VIII.—Lisbunny) beat Mr. C. Smith's bd. d. Spencer Hill (Irish Cheer II.—Select Company).

Mr. James Murray's f. b. Molly O'Moore (Moore's Melody II.—Mollie's Fancy III.) beat Mr. M. Smith's bd. d. Captain Callan (Oldcastle's Hope—Foggy Dew).

II.

What E'en beat Footstown.
Fifty-Fifty beat The Tool.
Crockard beat Mike Mac.
Molly O'Moore beat Lilac Tune.

TULLY AND CLONFIN—TO-MORROW.

THE DRAW.

Judge—Mr. P. J. Murphy. Slipper—D. Egan.

CLONBRONEY STAKES AND CUP—For 16 puppies.

Mr. Farrelly's Roman Bachelor agst. Mrs. Newman's All Smiles.
Mr. Kelly's First Kiss agst. Mr. Maguire's Ballintubber Rock.
Mr. Mulready's Skerry Blue agst. Mr. O'Reilly's Clooneen Mills.
Mr. Griffin's Griffinstown Boy agst. Mr. Brady's Crafty Cito.
Mr. Costello's Greyforth agst. Miss O'Rourke's Belvedere Boy.
Mr. Clyne's Gabster agst. Mr. Moran's Brown Eagle.
Mr. Blaney's Clooneen Girl agst. Mr. Kilbride's Limerick Walls.
Mr. McGrath's Leitrim's Pride agst. Mr. Markey's Hill of the Sun.

TULLY STAKES AND CUP—For 14 all-ages.

Miss Cameron's Ard Padraig agst. Messrs. Burke's and Ryan's Sodore.
Mr. Barry's Cairnue agst. Mrs. Egan's Hidden Power.
Mr. Murphy's Macetown II. agst. Mr. Hosey's What a Fancy.
Mr. Mullalley's Marta agst. Mr. Kearney's Deadly Defence.
Mr. Crowley's Chocolate Soldier agst. Mr. Egan's Guiding Hand.
Mr. O'Connor's Ardagh Boy agst. Mr. O'Reilly's Osprey Colleen.
Mr. W. C. Brabazon's Ballymaurice agst. Mr. McGerr's Master Rufus.

TONNEYWARDEN STAKES—For 16 all-ages.

Mr. Murphy's Ohill Lass agst. Mr. Maloney's Poularone.
Mr. Newman's Kilpatrick's Bridge agst. Mr. Crowley's Shaunkree.
Mr. Gillen's Carlton Little agst. Mr. Stone's Wind Up.
Mr. Lynch's Mullaghmlen agst. Mr. Clyne's Delvin Maid.
Mr. Farelly's Romney Rose agst. Mr. Keena's Nellie's Hope.
Mr. Barden's Lady Victory agst. Mr. Ryan's Money Spinner.
Mr. Allen's Shady Lad agst. Mr. Moorcraft's Again Top.
Mr. Harte's Carrownanty agst. Mr. Cox's North Yard Lass.

First brace in slips at 11.30 a.m.

THE TUAM MEETING.

The Tuam coursing meeting has been definitely fixed for Wednesday and Thursday, 4th and 5th February. The Ballina Club agreed to postpone their meeting from 5th to 12th February to facilitate the Tuam Club.

CHESS.

ARMSTRONG CUP MATCH.

The match between University College, Dublin and G.H.Q. reflects in a singular way the result of the Trinity and Blackrock contest. The former, however, are young clubs in Armstrong competitions, hitherto the reserve of the first flight of Dublin clubs. In both cases the winners secured their victory on the three topmost boards, after which matters were fairly even. Too much stress cannot be laid on the pluck of the military chess players in entering this competition. They do not hope to win, but they hope to get training in a practical school by subjecting their men to seasoned opponents. The Collegians hardly correspond with that description; but they, too, desire experience of expert match play. They appear to have a scientific knowledge of "the books," but that does not suffice.

Mr. Francis seems to improve in match play from week to week; and his old experience in Dame street of meeting all conditions of outside players has stood him in good stead. He and Mr. Youngias are the mainstay of the Collegians, as are Commandant Cotter and Lieutenant Mallin (the latter playing fourth) of the Military. Captain Nolan and Lieutenant O'Connor know their way in chess very well. The Military want match practice, particularly in end-games. The scores are :—

University College		G.H.Q.	
1. A. G. Francis	1	Commandant Cotter	0
2. L. P. Youngias	1	Captain Nolan	0
3. H. Barry	1	Lt. O'Connor	0
4. D. O'Duffy	1	Lt. Mallin	0
5. R. J. Senior	½	Lt. Daly	½
6. A. O'Reilly	0	Capt. Burke	1
7. F. Kerlin	1	Sgt. Myers	0
8. (default)	0	Cpl. O'Connor	1
Total	5½	Total	2½

BILLIARDS.

INMAN V. STEVENSON.

The third day's play in the match of 18,000 up between Inman and Stevenson provided some highly bright and interesting billiards. In the afternoon both players were for a time off colour, but Inman was not long in finding his form, and in a break of 122 displayed great command over the balls. This he followed with a run of 107, a compilation mostly obtained by top-of-the-table play. The balls were running none too nicely for Stevenson, but at length he found his true form with an innings of 55, and later on made runs of 75, 51, 70 and 98. In a grand all-round break of 101 Inman reached his points, finishing up the session with a lead of 733. Interval scores :—

Inman (in play) ... 3,146
Stevenson ... 2,413

Both players were in their best form at night, Stevenson in particular playing in brilliant style, and as a result of the session he reduced Inman's lead by 220. The highest break of the night was by Inman, who strung together 217—a splendidly-executed compilation. He also made breaks of 139, 65, 119, and 53 unfinished. Stevenson had many pretty runs, one of 180 being obtained by very fine all-round-the-table play. In a break of 138 he played many difficult shots, while in a run of 65 he got a long sequence of close cannons. Other breaks by Stevenson were 83, 62 and 94. Closing scores :—

Inman (in play) ... 3,703
Stevenson ... 3,190

Play will be continued to-day at 3 o'clock and 7.45 p.m.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

E. Russ and A. E. Graham, the Essex champion, met in the ninth Southern qualifying match in the Amateur Championship at Thurston's Hall, London, yesterday afternoon. Russ, who made his first appearance in the event, had breaks of 30, 36 and 32, and Graham of 32 (twice), 49 and 82. Interval scores :—Graham (in play), 502; Russ, 409.

Graham played very consistently at night, making breaks of 76, 30, 34, 33, 48, 39 and 41, as against Russ's 29 and 33. Result :—Graham, 1,000; Russ, 712.

The Manchester division's qualifying heats were continued at Oldham yesterday. G. A. Heginbotham had the better of the play in the afternoon against T. Blackhurst, making breaks of 58 and 63. Blackhurst's best was 35. Interval scores :—Heginbotham (in play), 500; Blackhurst, 294.

At night Heginbotham had the distinction of recording the first century break in the Manchester section's round, making 101. He later had 58. His opponent was no match for him, and was beaten by 519. Result :—Heginbotham, 1,000; Blackhurst, 481

BREAK OF 1,027 BY SMITH.

Smith made a splendid effort to overhaul the champion in his 16,000 up match at Bradford yesterday afternoon, scoring 1,028 points as against Newman's 408, and thus finished the early session only 276 in arrears. Newman had only one break—290—at the beginning of play, while Smith, on the other hand, made 127, 277, 153, 156, 334 and 242 (unfinished) Interval scores :—Newman, 11,076; Smith (in play), 10,800.

At night, for the second time in his career, Smith completed a break of four figures, going on with his unfinished 242 and reaching 1,027 before giving way. It was a splendid performance, and elicited much applause. Smith's previous break exceeding 1,000 was 1,173, which he made against Newman recently. Newman had a break of 289. Closing scores :—Smith (in play), 11,700; Newman, 11,440.

BOXING.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE FUND.

SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT.

A striking appreciation of the work done by the St. John Ambulance Association was forthcoming in the crowded attendance which patronised the tournament promoted by the I.A. Boxing Association at the Mansion House last night in aid of the Appeal Fund of this deserving Red Cross organisation. The room was packed, and, in addition to aiding in a meritorious cause, those present were treated to a capital night's sport. The revival in amateur boxing was reflected in the enthusiasm and in the sporting spirit which characterised the night's proceedings, and the marked progress made by amateurs in this art was manifest in the exceptionally high standard maintained by the various competitors.

Last night's tournament was one of a series of entertainments which it is proposed to hold for the benefit of the Appeal Fund, and the claims of this Fund upon the public can be appreciated when it is mentioned that last year the Brigade rendered first aid in no less than 11,000 cases, this being but one of the many aspects of the benevolent work of the St. John Ambulance Association. The work of the Brigade was alluded to last evening by Sir John Lumsden and Mr. J. McAuley, whose appeal for support of the Fund is certain of a spontaneous and generous response.

With few exceptions, all the bouts provided keen and clever exhibitions, among the best being those between P. J. Lenehan and Guard Chase, and K. Lenehan and J. Hilliard, the latter at the briefest notice sportingly deputising for J. O'Connell, who, at the last moment, was unable to be present. J. Dingley, the Scottish amateur feather weight, who remained over after the decision of the recent championship tournament, was again successful in his contest with J. Rooney, of the Liffeyside Club, this event also yielding a very interesting fight.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Maud Walsh, the General Organiser of the Appeal Fund.

Officials.—Referees—D. C. Maher, W. M'Donald, W. Carroll. Timekeepers—A. J. Cullen, J. J. Healy. Judges—J. C. Collins, J. Green, F. Barry, M. P. Heron, J. K. Ryan. Master of Ceremonies—J. McAuley.

FLY WEIGHT.

P. Gordon (Liffeyside Club) beat J. Dempsey (St. Andrew's Club) in the fifth round, the latter's seconds throwing in the towel. This was a gruelling affair, in which Dempsey put up a very plucky display, after taking a lot of punishment.

BANTAM WEIGHT.

J. McCullagh (Army A.A.) beat P. Dalton (Limerick), the latter being disqualified for an accidental foul in the fourth round. This promised to be a very keen contest up to the disqualification of Dalton, who, subsequent to being chiefly on the defensive, was beginning to carry the fight to his opponent.

BANTAM WEIGHT.

J. O'Leary (St. Andrew's Club) knocked out P. M'Dermott (Cavan B. and A.C.) in the second round, up to which the exchanges were fast, with O'Leary piling up points at long range.

FEATHER WEIGHT.

K Lenehan (St. Andrew's Club) beat J. Hilliard (Dublin University) at the end of four rounds. Lenehan was the heavier and stronger, but lacked the science of Hilliard, who, however, failed to last it out quite as well as the winner.

LIGHT WEIGHT.

B. Clarke (Army A.A.) beat W. Wright after six rounds of moderate fighting, in which there was a good deal of holding and very little scoring by either boxer.

FEATHER WEIGHT.

G. Dingley (Scottish Feather Weight Champion) beat J. Rooney (Liffeyside Club) in the fourth round. Both boxed cleverly, Dingley having the advantage with an upper-cut, which he used effectively in almost each round. Rooney showed clever ringcraft in avoiding punishment, but Dingley caught his opponent with his right on the side of the head after an exhilarating series of exchanges and put him out.

WELTER WEIGHT.

P. J. Lenehan (St. Andrew's) beat Guard Chase (Civic Guard Club) on points after six hard-fought rounds. Chase scored repeatedly at close range, but his defence was repeatedly pierced by Lenehan, who used his left to good advantage without putting much sting into his work. It was a close bout, at the end of which Lenehan was adjudged the winner.

MIDDLE WEIGHT.

E. H. Lybura (Dublin University) beat Constable M'Cabe (D.M.P.) on points at the end of six rounds. This was a return contest, in which Lybura repeated his victory of the previous meeting. The Trinity man was outpointed in the earlier rounds, but secured a winning balance by repeatedly getting home jabs in the concluding rounds.

WELTER WEIGHT.

M. Ronan (St. James's Gate Club) beat Guard Forde (Civic Guard Club). It was a capital bout, with Forde doing most of the attacking. The judges disagreed, and the referee's decision in favour of Ronan did not meet with popular approval.

J. Keith (Civic Guards) beat Sergt. M'Allinden (Army), the latter retiring in the second round.

HOCKEY.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Dublin University "A" v. Railway Union "A." College Park, 3.15 p.m.

Railway Union "A"—E. Long; W. Gilleran, J. Doran; T. Peatt, W. Chiddick, F. Chadwick; B. Henry F. Savon, V. Sully, S. Henry, P. Gillespie.

CLUB NOTICES.

RAILWAY UNION "A" v. KINGSTOWN G.S. "A."—Played at Park avenue yesterday, on the upper ground, and resulted in a win for Railway Union by 7 goals to 3.

Maids of the Mountain—General practice to-day at Foxrock, 2.30 p.m.

GOLF

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

SUTTON.—Ladies' Branch.—The annual general meeting of lady associates will be held in the clubhouse at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, January 17th.

CARRICKMINES (Ladies' Branch)—The annual general meeting will be held to-day at 11 o'clock, 12 Molesworth street.

CILLDARA.—Prize presented by Mrs. Canty:—Miss N. Doyle (28), 73; Mrs. Cosgrove (20), 82; Mrs. Falchney (24), 83. Club prize:—Miss Church (28), 90.

GRANGE.—January medals. Class I.—J. J. O'Reilly, 1 down. Class II.—J. J. Flanagan, 2 down.

FOXROCK.—Ladies' Branch January medal, postponed on 6th, will be played on Tuesday, 20th.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

NOVICES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The first of the Cross-Country Championships of the season will be held at Baldoyle (kindly lent for the occasion) on Saturday.

This race is for novices, confined to Dublin, and should prove very interesting. There is an entry of twelve teams, and, if all go to the starting point, there should be over 140 runners taking part in this race, the distance of which is four miles. It is difficult to anticipate who the individual winner will be, or which club is likely to gain team honours. The St. James's Gate Harriers are greatly fancied for the Team Championship; but we do not think that the race will prove the easy win expected, as a number of the teams have been going through a special course of training quietly, so it is just possible that there may be a few surprises.

Those wishing to travel can go by tram from Nelson Pillar at 15 minutes past and 15 minutes to each hour, whilst a train leaves Amiens street at 2.5 p.m. It has also been arranged for a service of chars-a-banc, which will leave Burgh quay about 2.30.

DROGHEDA VINTNERS AND TAXATION.

The Drogheda Grocers' and Vintners' Association, at its meeting held in the Mayoralty Rooms last evening, passed the following resolutions :—

"That we, the members of the Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Association, are of the opinion that the high taxation which obtains in the Irish Free State is handicapping greatly business, and in the national interest a drastic reduction is necessary and urgent.

"That we urge upon the Government to reduce the duty on spirits and beer to the same basis as that which obtains in Northern Ireland.

"That, as our hours of trading have been curtailed by recent legislation by 18½ hours per week, we demand a proportionate reduction in the amount levied for the annual licence."

GRANGEGORMAN MENTAL HOSPITAL.

In regard to the alleged overcrowding at Grangegorman Mental Hospital, the Executive Committee of the Dublin Citizens' Association has asked the Minister for Local Government to consider the tentative solution put forward by the Town Clerk, in his evidence before the Greater Dublin Commission of Inquiry. It will be remembered that the Town Clerk suggested that, if the Counties Louth and Wicklow withdrew their patients, the contributory area of the asylum could then with advantage become coincident with that of the County Dublin, and congestion would be relieved.

JEWISH REGIMENTAL COLOURS. — There is some prospect of the Colours, presented during the war by the King to the three Jewish Battalions, the 38th, 39th, and 40th Royal Fusiliers, which were engaged during the war in Palestine, being transferred to Jerusalem from the headquarters of the regiment at Hounslow. Communications are proceeding between the regimental authorities and the Zionist organisation in reference to the proposal.

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LOYAL INDIAN'S GIFT.

TO FOUND A FOOTBALL PRIZE.

DELHI, Wednesday.

During the war, Duffadar (Corporal) Jag Ram, 20th Lancers, refused to draw his pay, as he wished to give his services free, and he presented the accumulation, 2,600 rupees (about £173), to the King's Privy Purse. The money was returned by the King, with an expression of appreciation of Jag Ram's loyalty. With the money Jag Ram has bought a trophy, known as the Jag Ram Cup, and has founded a prize fund, to be won annually in competition between squadrons of the 20th Lancers at Association football. The Cup has been formally presented to the 20th Lancers, who are at Delhi for the manœuvres.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

PORT WINES.

PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND THE EXPORT TRADE.

Reuter learns that while in authoritative Portuguese quarters in London no direct confirmation has been received of the report that the Portuguese Government is actually restricting the importation of port wine into the United Kingdom, it is known that it has for some time been the intention of the Government only to permit the export of the very best quality of port wine. This quality is to be found in the North of Portugal only.

The whole country, of course, produces a kind of sweet wine, which, however, is not really port, as the actual port wine vines will only grow in one particular district, and if transplanted will not flourish. Of course, all growers of wine in Portugal are anxious to have their produce labelled as port wine, and to pass it through the port of Oporto as such. Measures now are likely to be taken to prevent this practice.

RIVIERA LAWN TENNIS.

CANNES, January 14.

In to-day's play in the Cannes Club Tournament Colonel Mayes beat Hunter in the semi-finals of the Men's Singles—6-0, 6-3.

SELECTIONS FOR HURST PARK MEETING TO-DAY

PAPER.	1.0 RACE	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times	Poole's selected.	Mr. Madcap.	Darragh.	Ruddy Glow.	Apple Pie.	Hong Kong.
S. Life and Sportsman	Commander Smith.	Mr Madcap.	Desert Chief.	Mainsail.	Rathcoole.	Confirmation.*
Man on the Spot	Commander Smith.	Top Light.	Darragh.	Hawker.	Rathcoole.	Confirmation.*
Westminster Gazette	Commander Smith.	Glanmore	Palomides.	Gem.	Radiant River.	Perahara
Daily News	Con Cregan.	Top Light.	Darragh.	Gem.*	Apple Pie.	Confirmation.
Daily Express	Commander Smith.*	Glanmore.	Hard Court.	Hawker; if ab., Mainsail.	Tomahawk.	Confirmation, next best.
Daily Mirror	Commander Smith.	Mr. Madcap.	Darragh.	Mainsail.	Apple Pie; if ab., Predial.	Hong Kong.
Daily Graphic	Commander Smith.	Good Points.	Brixton.	Lightfoot.	Apple Pie.	Confirmation.*
Star	Commander Smith.	Yorick.	Golden Brick	Ruddy Glow.	Rathcoole.	Confirmation.
Evening News	Commander Smith.	Yorick.*	Musteline.*	Mainsail.	Apple Pie.	Dr. Barney.
Evening Standard	Commander Smith.	Merry Miner.	Up Garryowen.	Mainsail.	Whitaker's selected.	Confirmation.
Daily Mail	Con Cregan.	Glanmore.	Desert Chief.	Gem.	Wild Swan.	Confirmation.
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FINANCIAL

MARKETS AT A GL[ANCE]

WEDNESDAY

STOCKS AND SHARES :—

London Markets quiet, and less ...
Dublin Stock Exchange idle—Distillers active.
National Loan, 92¼.
Manchester Textiles declining.
Birmingham Motor Shares dull.
New York Stock Market ...
BANK OF ENGLAND RATE ...
SAME DAY LAST YEAR ...
IRISH BANKS RATE ...
DO., DEPOSIT RATE ...
LONDON DAY-TO-DAY LOANS ...
DO., CALL MONEY ...

IRISH STO[CK] EXCHANGES

DUBLIN.

HIBERNIAN BANK DIVI[DEND IN]CREASED. DUBLIN ... VERY BRISK. MARCONI ... MENT. TEXTILES FLU[CTUATE].

Business was very poor in ... 'Change yesterday on the total ... of telegraphic communication w... centres owing to the disastrous storm. War Loan 5 p.c. Stock ... a nominal market. India Stock ... Corporation Stock were better. ... no change, despite the better n... Very lively dealing took plac... Distillers' Ord. shares, with p... change in price. Guinness Or... were harder. Castlebellingham ... sold at half price. Marconi O... affected at 32s. 9d., despite th... of improving business and the ... and opening of a second direct ... vice between London and New Y... increased traffic. The provision ... tional direct wireless service t... will give greatly increased facil... ness houses having telegraphic c... with the United States, and the ... tious handling of full rate t... assured by this extension of t... aerial system. The extension ... has been rendered possible by t... tion of the Marconi trans-Atlan... Carnarvon. Radios were better. ... remain dull and featureless. G... issues were again offered. ... were generally wanted. Deferred were particularly scar... support, and have now reco... dividend and bonus payment. ... lower on balance, but Coats d... were harder. Tobaccos were ... Chartered shares improved sl... time, but finally closed withou...

Government National Loan ... and Compensation Stock 90. In British Funds, Consols fe... War Loan 5 p.c. rose ⅛ to 101... India 3½ p.c. rose a full point ... In Corporation, etc., issues, ... rose ¼ to 70.

In Banks, Bank Stock fell ½ ... opening 296, while Munster an... peated 6¼, Nationals 20¼, an... 22¼.

Among Breweries and Distille... Ord. rose ... to 49..., and the P... but Castlebellingham and Drogh... ½ to 5, or half price. Dublin ... rose 3d. to 43s. 9d., after deali... 43s., 43s. 6d., 44s., 43s. 6d., ... were unofficially called 92s. 6d. British and Irish Steam ... 13s. 3d.

Marconi Ord. repeated 32s. ... Common rose ⅛ to 13..., while ... again realised 10.... Home Rails were very dull. G... Ord. fell ⅜ to 54½, the Pref. ... Great Southern Debs. ½ to 6... Pref. repeated 48.

In Trams, Dublin United ... 6¼.

In Bakery Shares, Bolands r... and in Drapery Shares Switzer... to 76s. 6d., and Todd Burn... 7½d. lower at 10s., 11s. nominal... were again called 5s., 7s. 6d.

In Manufacturing Shares, ... 9d. to 68s. 1½d., Dyers 6d. to ... Spinners 1s. 1½d. to 60s. 6d., ... recovered 3d. to 64s. 10½d., C... firm at 72s. 3d., and the Pref. ... Imperial Tobacco Ord. fell 1... and then closed 88s. 9d. bid... Pref. eased 3d. to 17s. Thwa... 1½d. to 75s. 3d. Brunner Mo... peated 41s. A. Armstrong S... offer. Parent Tyre Def. rose ... and bonus of 9s. a share.

In Trading, etc., Shares, Ch... 4½d. better at 21s. 6d., and the ... 21s. 1½d. followed. Burke ... 8¼, Maguire and Gatchell P... 50s., Irish-American Oil P... 19s. 3d., Hibernian Fire 4s. ... Controlled Pref. 19s.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL... Transactions for cash mar...

Nat. Loan...(92¼) *92¼ | G.S. Pr...
Compensation Stock (90) 90 | Do. De...
Consols ......(57½) 57⅛ | Dublin T...
5% War Loan 101⅛ 101⅛ | Parent ...
4% War Bonds '27...100 | Dunlops ...
5% War Bonds '28...106 | Roland ...
India 3½% ... *67⅛ | Switzer ...
Dublin Stock..(69¼) 70 | Todd O...
Bank of Ireland (296) 296 5¼ | Bleacher...
Mun. & Lein.....(6¼) 6¼ | Dyers ...
National ......(20¼) 20¼ | Coats ...
Provincial ....(22¼) 22¼ | Courtaul...
Castlebellingham Pref. (5¼) 5 | Spinners ...
Dublin Distillers (43/6) 43/6 3/- /6 4/- *3/6 /9 | Brunner ...
Guinness .....(49¼) 49¼ | Imp. To...
Do. Pref......(11¼) 11 | Thwaite...
B. & I. Stm.(13/3) 13/3 | Vickers ...
Marconi ......(32/9) 32/9 | Burke ...
Radio Common ....13/1 | Maguire ...
Do. Pref. ....10/- | Chartere...
G.N. Ord......(54½) 54 | Irish-Am...
Do. Pref. ......(57½) 57 | Hibernia... Brit. C...

* Odd lot. b/ed. a...

(Last business done given in ...)

IRISH BANKS' R...

Discount ... 5 p.c. ...
Deposit ... 2 p.c. ...

STOCK EXCHANGE SET...

Mining contango day ...
General contango day ... J...
Ticket day ...
Account day ...

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was agai... day. War Loan brought 10... and 5 p.c. National War B... In Bank shares, Northern b... again dealt in at 5⅜. Midla... paid rose to 9..., and a sm... Westminister partly paid b... Railway stocks, Belfast and ... 3 p.c. Debentures were don... small lots of Great Norther... and 54. A transaction in Bel... 3½ p.c. 1940 issue at 77½, ou... recorded. Industrials were ... Street Flax Spinning Co. Ord... at 28, and ... M. Cuthbert ... small lot of Wardens was don... Tobacco Ord. were dealt in ... Lever Brothers 7 p.c. Pref. ... Vickers Ord. at 12s. 4½d.

PROVINCIAL EXC[HANGES]

MANCHESTER.—More profit... with several declines. Bleach... Pref., 22/3-22/6; Calicos, 38/... 18/9-19/-; Bradford Dyers, 85... 30/-20/6; Sewing Cottons, 66/... 19/6-20/-; Fine Spinners, 60/... 19/6-19/9; "Slubbers," 8/6-8/9; ... Ship Canal, 8½-⅝; Velvets, 31/...

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors quie... further weakened. Austins easy... improving. Standards and Trium... Singers quiet. Dunlops the fir... 3/3; do. Debs., 83¼; Bluemels, ... 3/6; S.T.D., 5/9; Enfields, 23/3... Napiers, 26/7½; do. Pref. 20/... Rovers, 13/4½; Singers, 36/-... Saltis, 9/-; Triumphs 28/-; Va... lings, 10/7½; Parent Def. 40/3...

COMPANY NOT[ICES]

GREAT NORTHERN RAIL[WAY] (IRELAND).

Notice is hereby given that th... Transfers of the ORDINARY ST[OCK, CON]SOLIDATED 4 PER CENT. PRE... are registered, will be Closed ... 26th day of January, to Wedne... of February, 1925, both days i...

J. B. ST...

Amiens street Station, DUBLIN, 14th January.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

STOCKS AND SHARES :—

London Markets quiet, and less business.

Dublin Stock Exchange idle—Dublin Distillers active.

National Loan, 92¼.

Manchester Textiles declining.

Birmingham Motor Shares dull.

New York Stock Market ——

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE	4	per cent.
SAME DAY LAST YEAR	4	„
IRISH BANKS RATE	5	„
Do., DEPOSIT RATE	2	„
LONDON DAY-TO-DAY LOANS...	3-3½	„
Do., CALL MONEY	2	„

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

HIBERNIAN BANK DIVIDEND INCREASED. DUBLIN DISTILLERS VERY BRISK. MARCONI DEVELOPMENT. TEXTILES FLUCTUATING.

Business was very poor in volume on 'Change yesterday on the total interruption of telegraphic communication with the usual centres owing to the disastrous effect of the storm. War Loan 5 p.c. Stock was firmer in a nominal market. India Stock and Dublin Corporation Stock were better. Banks show no change, despite the better net dividends. Very lively dealing took place in Dublin Distillers' Ord. shares, with practically no change in price. Guinness Ord. and Pref. were harder. Castlebellingham Pref. were sold at half price. Marconi Ord. were unaffected at 32s. 9d., despite the notification of improving business and the establishment and opening of a second direct wireless service between London and New York owing to increased traffic. The provision of this additional direct wireless service to New York will give greatly increased facilities to business houses having telegraphic correspondence with the United States, and the most expeditious handling of full rate traffic can be assured by this extension of this important aerial system. The extension, it is stated, has been rendered possible by the reorganisation of the Marconi trans-Atlantic station at Carnarvon. Radios were better. Home Rails remain dull and featureless. Great Northern issues were again offered. Bakery shares were generally wanted. Parent Tyre Deferred were particularly scarce on London support, and have now recovered the 9s. dividend and bonus payment. Textiles were lower on balance, but Coats and Courtaulds were harder. Tobaccos were still quieter. Chartered shares improved slightly at one time, but finally closed without alteration.

Government National Loan repeated 92¼, and Compensation Stock 90.

In British Funds, Consols fell 1/16 to 57 11/16, War Loan 5 p.c. rose ⅛ to 101⅜-½ nominally. India 3½ p.c. rose a full point to 67¾.

In Corporation, etc., issues, Dublin 3½ p.c. rose ½ to 70.

In Banks, Bank Stock fell ½ to 295¾, after opening 296, while Munster and Leinsters repeated 6⅝, Nationals 20¼, and Provincials 22⅜.

Among Breweries and Distilleries, Guinness Ord. rose 1/16 to 49 1/16, and the Pref. 1/16 to 11⅞, but Castlebellingham and Drogheda Pref. fell ½ to 5, or half price. Dublin Distillers Ord. rose 3d. to 43s. 9d., after dealing at 43s. 6d., 43s., 43s. 6d., 44s., 43s. 6d., and the Pref. were unofficially called 92s. 6d., 95s.

British and Irish Steam Pref. repeated 13s. 3d.

Marconi Ord. repeated 32s. 9d., but Radio Common rose ⅛ to 13 5/16, while the Preferred again realised 10 7/16.

Home Rails were very dull. Great Northern Ord. fell ⅜ to 54¼, the Pref. ½ to 57, and Great Southern Debs. ½ to 66, while ditto Pref. repeated 48.

In Trams, Dublin United Ord. repeated 6⅛.

In Bakery Shares, Bolands rose 6d. to 43s., and in Drapery Shares Switzer Pref. fell 6d. to 76s. 6d., and Todd Burns Ord. closed 7½d. lower at 10s., 11s. nominally. McBirney's were again called 5s., 7s. 6d. nominally.

In Manufacturing Shares, Bleachers fell 9d. to 68s. 1½d., Dyers 6d. to 85s. 6d., and Spinners 1s. 1½d. to 60s. 6d., 60s. 3d. Coats recovered 3d. to 64s. 10½d., Courtaulds were firm at 72s. 3d., and the Pref. at 18s. 10½d. Imperial Tobacco Ord. fell 1½d. to 88s. 7½d. and then closed 88s. 9d. bid, and Vickers Pref. eased 3d. to 17s. Thwaites Ord. rose 1½d. to 75s. 3d. Brunner Mond Shares repeated 41s. A. Armstrong Shares were on offer. Parent Tyre Def. rose 2s. to 40s. x.d. and bonus of 9s. a share.

In Trading, etc., Shares, Chartered opened 4½d. better at 21s. 6d., and then 21s. 3d. and 21s. 1½d. followed. Burke Debs. repeated 8⅛, Maguire and Gatchell Pref. fell 5s. to 50s., Irish-American Oil Pref. repeated 19s. 3d., Hibernian Fire 4s., and British Controlled Pref. 19s.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.
Transactions for cash marked "c."

Nat. Loan...(92¼)	*92¼	G.S. Pref.......(48)	*48
Compensation Stock (90)	90	Do. Deb.........(66½)	66
Consols ....(57¾)	57 11/16	Dublin Trams...(6¼)	*6¼
5% War Loan	101⅜b 101½a	Parent Def....(38/-)	40/-
4% War Bonds '27...100		Dunlops ....(10/7½)	10/6
5% War Bonds '28...106		Boland Ord..(42/6)	43/-
India 3½%	*67¾	Switzer Pref. (77/-)	76/6
Dublin Stock..(69½)	70c	Todd Ord..(11/1½)	10/-b 11/-a
Bank of Ireland (296)	296c 8¼c	Bleachers.(68/10½)	68/1½
Mun. & Lein......(6⅛)	6⅝	Dyers ....(86/-)	85/6
National ......(20⅛)	20¼	Coats .....(64/7½)	64/10½
Provincial ......(22⅜)	22⅜	Courtaulds ..(72/-)	72/3
Castlebellingham Pref. (5½)	5	Do. Pref.	18/10½
Dublin Distillers (43/6)	43/6 3/- /6 4/- *3/6 /9	Spinners.(61/4½)	60/6 /3
Guinness ......(49⅛)	49 1/16	Brunner Mond	41/-
Do. Pref.......(11¾)	11⅞	Imp. Tob.(88/9)	88/7½ /9
B. & I. Stm.(13/3)	13/3	Thwaites Pf.(75/1½)	75/3
Marconi ......(32/9)	32/9	Vickers Pref.(17/3)	17/-
Radio Common	13 5/16	Burke Deb......(8⅛)	8⅛
Do. Pref.	10 7/16	Maguire & Gatchell	50/-
G.N. Ord......(54⅝)	54¼	Chartered...(21/1½)	21/6 /3 /1½
Do. Pref........(57½)	57	Irish-Amer. Oil Pf.	19/3
		Hibernian Fire.(4/3)	4/3
		Brit. Controlled Pf.	19/-

* Odd lot. b bid. a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day.......	Jan. 19	Feb. 2
General contango day......	Jan. 20	Feb. 3
Ticket day	Jan. 21	Feb. 4
Account day	Jan. 22	Feb. 5

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was again quiet yesterday. War Loan brought 101 1/16 and 101 1/16, and 5 p.c. National War Bonds 1927 106. In Bank shares, Northern Bank "A" were again dealt in at 5⅛. Midland Bank partly paid rose to 9 1/16, and a small odd lot of Westminster partly paid brought 18. In Railway stocks, Belfast and County Down 3 p.c. Debentures were done at 55⅞, and small lots of Great Northern Ord. at 54½ and 54. A transaction in Belfast Corporation 3½ p.c. 1940 issue at 77¼, on 13th inst., was recorded. Industrials were idle. York Street Flax Spinning Co. Ord. changed hands at 28, and W. M. Cuthbert Ord. at 31. A small lot of Wardens was done at 3¼. Imperial Tobacco Ord. were dealt in at 89s. 4½d., Lever Brothers 7 p.c. Pref. at 21s. 3d., and Vickers Ord. at 12s. 4½d.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—More profit-taking in Textiles, with several declines. Bleachers, 67/-66/-; do. Pref., 22/3-22/6; Calicos, 38/9-39/-; do. Pref., 18/9-19/-; Bradford Dyers, 85/-86/-; do. Pref., 20/-20/6; Sewing Cottons, 65/6-66/6; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; Fine Spinners, 60/-60/6; do. Pref., 19/6-19/9; "Slubbers," 8/6-8/9; Coats, 64/6-65/-; Ship Canal, 8½-¾; Velvets, 31/6-31/9.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors quieter. Rolls Royce further weakened. Austins busy. Napiers steadily improving. Standards and Triumphs strengthened. Singers quiet. Dunlops the turn lower. Austins, 5/3; do. Debs., 85½; Bluebirds, 37/6; Components, 3/6; S.T.D., 5/9; Enfields, 29/3; Humbers, 35/3; Napiers, 26/7½; do. Pref., 20/1½; Rolls, 30/-; Rovers, 13/4½; Singers, 36/-; Standards, 46/9; Swifts, 9/-; Triumphs, 22/-; Vauxhalls, 6/3; Dunlops, 10/7½; Parent Def., 40/3.

COMPANY NOTICES.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY (IRELAND).

Notice is hereby given that the Books in which Transfers of the ORDINARY STOCK and the CONSOLIDATED 4 PER CENT. PREFERENCE STOCK are registered, will be Closed from Monday, the 26th day of January, to Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 1925, both days inclusive.

J. B. STEPHENS, Secretary.

Amiens street Station,
DUBLIN, 14th January, 1925.

LONDON STOCKS QUIET

BUSINESS DWINDLING.

The London Stock Markets were very quiet yesterday, and had a dull tendency in places, their being a further contraction in the volume of business, and nervousness in some quarters as to bank rate prospects. Exceptionally, there was activity in some specialties, including Imperial Tobaccos and Rio Tintos. A generally steady tone prevailed in British Funds, and over-night quotations were, as a rule, repeated. Among the Conversion Loans the 4½ per cent were unchanged, but the 3½ per cent. at 77⅞ marked an improvement of ⅛, while the New Issue at 5 1/16 were also the turn higher. Indias were firm. Radio Corporation Common moved up smartly to 14⅜, or 1 1/16 better on the day, while a small increase was also recorded in the Pref. Among Breweries, Distillers slipped further back to 2 9/16. Watney Combe Def. lost 3 points to 218½. In Stores, Lipton Ord. marked a rise of 1s. 3d., while Crosse and Blackwell were 6d. better. Textiles weakened, Dyers and Fine Spinners both dropping 1s. 3d. Courtaulds were steady and unaltered. In the Miscellaneous section, Imperial Tobacco were active, and at the finish they marked an improvement of 6d. to 89s. 3d. Dunlop Ord. remained at 10s. 6d., but the Debs put on a point to 107.

FOREIGN BONDS FIRMER.

A slightly firmer tone prevailed in Foreign Government stocks. French Fives put on ½ to 20, while the Fours were firm, but without alteration on the day. Among Brazilians, the 5 per cent. 1889 further improved, being a point better. Peruvian Prefs. slipped back, the turn being a point down at 38.

FOREIGN RAILS IRREGULAR.

Among Colonial and Foreign Railways Buenos Ayres issues were all the turn lower. The Great Southern at 89, the Pacific at 81¼, and the Western at 77¼, all showed declines of ½. Central Argentine at 75¼ were also ½ down. Canadian Pacifics were steady at 159, while Grand Trunks were also unaltered. United Havana shed ½ to 90. San Paulo Ord. closed ½ to the good at 172, while Mexican Railways at 7¼ were also ½ higher on the day's business.

OIL SHARES LOWER.

Firmness characterised the Oil share market at the commencement of business yesterday, the improving tendency which developed over-night continuing in evidence, while helpful factors were the satisfactory American advices and the strength displayed by oil shares in Amsterdam on the preceding day. While business was on a satisfactory scale throughout the day, the initial firmness was not maintained, owing to the fact that sales on a considerable scale of end-January option stock were encountered, the shares chiefly affected in this connection being Shells, Royal Dutch, and British Controlled. Nevertheless, there was always a free market, not only in the leaders, but in the speculative favourites. On balance, however, as was only to be expected, prices were mostly lower. Venezuelans continued to figure prominently in dealings, but they developed an easier tone later in the day, losses being shown in British Controlled and V.O.C. Holdings. In other directions, Lobitos suffered a sharp set-back, and losses occurred in Anglo-Ecuadorians and Anglo-Egyptian "B."

RUBBER SHARES WEAK.

The amount of business transacted in the Rubber share market yesterday was again on a small scale, while a weaker tendency was evident. A fairly long list of alterations was recorded at the finish and they were, with few exceptions in the downward direction. Sialang dropped back rather heavily, the final quotation of 35s. showing a decrease of 3s. 1½d. Sapumalkande lost 2s. 6d. to 24s., while Rubber Estates of Johore at 22s. 9d. and Sapong at 43s. 9d. were both 1s. 3d. down. Selaba shed 1s. 10½d. to 24s. 4½d. Telegoredjo gave way, and at the close marked a decline of 2s. 3d., while Sungei Buaya at 35s. and Tandjong at 38s. 9d. were both 1s. 3d. down. Pegoh lost 1s. 9d. to 41s. 3d. Malayalam and Membakut both lost 1s. Labu at 30s. 9d. and Lanadron at 23s. 1½d. were 1s. 9d. and 1s. 7½d. lower respectively. General Ceylon shed 1s. to 35s., while Java Amalgamated at 33s. 6¾d. were 1s. 5¼d. down. Bukit Rajah dropped 1s. 1½d. to 22s. 9d., while Anglo-Malay at 26s. 3d. were 7½d. down. Among the improvements marked on the day were a rise of 2s. 1½d. in Glenshiel to 20s. 7½d., and gains of 1s. 3d. each in Anglo-Sumatra to 62s. 6d. and in B.N.B.R. Trust to 13s. 6d. Malacca gained 9¾d. to 39s. 0¾d., while Grand Central at 22s. 9d. were 6d. down. Tamiang put on 7½d. to 31s. 7½d., while Seafield at 14s. 6d. and Golden Hope at 25s. were both 3d. better.

TEA SHARES FALLING.

A decidedly weaker tone was manifest in the Tea share market yesterday. The market opened quietly, but during the morning a number of shares were offered and prices were marked down. Consolidated Tea and Lands were nearly a point below the overnight quotation at the commencement of business, and they slumped further during the day, the final quotation being no better than 71½, or 2 1/16 points down. Amalgamated Estates shed 2 points to 39¾, while Assam Doears at 52½ marked a decline of 1½. Assam Frontier lost 1/16. Chargola slipped back the turn, as did Deundi. Chubwa dropped 1/16 to 5 1/16. Dimbula Valley, Dooars, and Imperial Ceylon were all 1s. 4½d. down; while falls of 1s. 9d. were marked in both Eastern Produce and Empire, the former's closing level being 81s., while the latter were 84s. Imperials shed 2s. to 53s. Jhanzie at 87s. 9d. and Jokai at 88s 9d. were also 2s. below the previous quotation. Nedeem dropped back rather heavily, the final figure being only 72s. 6d. x.d. or 4s. 9d. lower. Moabund marked a decline of 3s. 1½d. to 78s. 4½d. Jorehaut lost 1s., while Longai Valley closed 1s. 1½d. lower. Lungla shed 10½d. to 44s. 1½d. Singlo lost 1s. 9d. to 83s. 6d., while Tea Corporation at 28s. 9d. were 2s. 2½d. lower than the over-night level. A number of other issues also finished the day at lower levels. Among the few improvements marked on the day were a rise of 3d. in Assam Consolidated to 19s. 9d. x.d., while British Assam put on 7½d. to 5 1/16. Jetinga Valley firmer up to 58s. 9d. x.d. or 9d. better, while Galaha Ceylon and Halem were 3¾d. and 3d. higher respectively.

INDUSTRIALS IRREGULAR.

Irregularity characterised Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday, for while some sections had a dull appearance, others displayed firmness. Business was on a very small scale, and the dulness noticeable in certain directions was attributed to heavy liquidation. Banks and Insurance issues were generally firm. Dealings commenced in Argus Press 7 p.c. Prefs. on the basis of 20s. 1½d. Further heavy liquidation from the North was responsible for another drop in Distillers to 52s., or 5s. lower on balance, business being recorded at down to 51s. 6d. Buchanans fell 1s. 9d. to 65s., and J. Walkers 1s. 3d. to 67s. Breweries mostly closed lower where changed. Watney Combe Def. fell 3 to 217. City of Londons weakened to 72s., or 1s. 6d. down, while the Prefs. dropped 2 to 100¼ and Cannon Prefs. ⅛ to 6¼. Ind Coopes eased to 51s. x.d. and bonus. Exceptionally Allsopp Pref. rose 1 to 88¼. Bovril Def. rose 6d. to 50s. 6d., while Maypole Def. stiffened to 6s. 6d., and United Dairies were a firm spot at 36s. 9d. buyers. Except for Lipton Prefs. which fell 1s. to 17s., Caterers were well maintained. Tobaccos moved within narrow limits. Renewed selling of Courtaulds led to a further set-back to 71s., at which they finished 1s. down on the day. Other Silk Shares were dull, Listers also losing 1s. at 34s. 6d., while Celanese and the Prefs. eased to 9s. and 12s. 9d. respectively. Bleachers came on offer and receded to 68s., or 1s. lower, and smaller declines occurred. Iron, Coal and Steels displayed little of interest, changes being generally adverse to holders. In the Shipping department Indo-China Pref. rose ⅛ to 4⅛, but Prince Lines fell 1/16 to 1 1/16. Marconi group ruled steady at previous levels. Radio Corporation were a strong spot at 15, or 1¼ up on balance, though the Pref. eased to 10¼. In the Miscellaneous Trading section British Aluminiums suffered from further selling and left off 1s. 9d. lower at 31s. 3d. Match Shares weakened, Swedish Match to 10 11/16, or ¼ down; the "B" to 10¼, a fall of ⅛, and Bryant and Mays to 64s. 9d., or 6d. lower. Niger Prefs. relapsed to 16s. 6d. James Finlays left off at 72s. 6d., or 6d. lower, after having been 71s. In the earlier hours. Nobel Prefs. moved up to 21s. 6d. Leading Newspaper Shares further drooped.

BELFAST SAVINGS BANK'S THREE MILLIONS.

The thrift of the industrial masses and the small traders of the Ulster capital was again reflected at the annual meeting of the trustees and managers of the Belfast Savings Bank, held yesterday in the City Hall, when it was stated that the funds of the institution at the end of the last financial year stood at £3,127,470 9s. 4d., as compared with £2,904,646 15s. 11d. twelve months ago.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols........	57⅝-58⅛
War Ln. 5% ...	[illegible]
do. 4½% ...	[illegible]
do. 5% ...	[illegible]
do. 4% (Tax Free)	[illegible]
Fund'g L'n ...	[illegible]
Victory Bds ...	[illegible]
3½% Conv. Ln.	77⅞-78⅛ + ⅛
4½% Conv. Ln.	[illegible]
3½ Treas. Bds.	[illegible]
Irish Land 2¾%	[illegible]
India 3½%	[illegible]
Local Loans	[illegible]
Sudan 5½%	[illegible]

BANKS.

Anglo S. Amer	[illegible]	Hong Kong	[illegible]
Australasia	[illegible]	Lloyds	[illegible]
Bank N.S.W.	[illegible]	Midland	[illegible]
Do. N. Z.	[illegible]	Nat. Bk. Ind.	[illegible]
Barclays A	[illegible]	Nat Prov'l	[illegible]
Brit. F. Trade	[illegible]	Royal of Can	[illegible]
Do. Overseas	[illegible]	Stand. S.A.	[illegible]
Can. of Com.	[illegible]	Un. Australia	[illegible]
Char. of India	[illegible]	Westminster	[illegible]

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS. — [illegible]

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U. Jan. 6.				
	Argentine, 1886	[illegible]		
	Do. 4 p.c. Rescission	[illegible]		
	Do. 5 p.c. 1909	[illegible]		
	Brazil 4 p.c. 1889	[illegible]		+1
	Do. Funding, 1908	[illegible]		
	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	[illegible]		
	Chinese 5 p.c. 1896	[illegible]		+1
	Do. 4½ p.c. 1898	[illegible]		+1
	Do. 5 p.c. 1912	[illegible]		
	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	[illegible]		
	Egyptian Unified	[illegible]		
	French Loan	[illegible]		+ ½
	Do. 4 p.c.	[illegible]		
	German 3 p.c.	[illegible]		
	Italian Rentes	[illegible]		
	Japan 4 p.c. 1905	[illegible]		
	Do. New 5 p.c. 1907	[illegible]		
	Do. 6 p.c. 1924	[illegible]		
	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	[illegible]		
	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	[illegible]		
	Peruvian Corporation	[illegible]		
	Do. Pref.	[illegible]		−1
	Do. Deb.	[illegible]		
	Portuguese 3 p.c.	[illegible]		
	San Paulo 8 p.c.	[illegible]		
	Spanish 4 p.c.	[illegible]		
	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	[illegible]		

BRITISH RAILS.

Great Western	[illegible]		
Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	[illegible]		
Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]		
Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	[illegible]		
Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	[illegible]		
Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	[illegible]		
Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	[illegible]		
Do. Def. Ord.	[illegible]		− ½
Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	[illegible]		
Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	[illegible]		
Metropolitan	[illegible]		
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]		
Do. District	[illegible]		
Southern Pref. Ord.	[illegible]		
Do. Def. Ord.	[illegible]		
Do. "A"	[illegible]		
Do. "B"	[illegible]		
Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]		
Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. '24	[illegible]		
Underground Electric	[illegible]		
Do. Income Bonds	[illegible]		
Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	[illegible]		

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

Antofagasta; Argentine G.W. Ord.; Bahia Blanca; Brazil Railway Common; Buenos Ayres Gt. S.; Buenos Ayres and Pacific; Buenos Ayres and W.; Canadian Pacific; Central Argentine; Central Uruguay; Cordoba Central; Do. 1st Pref.; Do. 2nd Pref.; Entre Rios; Do. 6 p.c. Pref.; Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.; Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.; Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.; Leopoldina; Mexican Rails; Do. 8 p.c. Pref.; Do. 6 p.c. Pref.; Mexican Nat. 1st Pref.; Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.; San Paulo Ord.; United Havana — [prices illegible]

AMERICAN RAILS.

Atchison; Baltimore; Chesapeake; Chicago, Milwaukee; Erie; Do. 1st Pref.; New York, Ontario; Southern Common; Do. Pref.; Southern Pacific; Union Pacific — [prices illegible]

TELEGRAPHS.

Anglo-American Def.; Marconi Wireless Ord.; Do. Pref.; Do. Debs.; Do. Marine; Do. Canada; Oriental Telephone; Radio Corporation; Do. Pref. ($50) — [prices illegible]

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

Allsopp £1 Shares; Do. 5 p.c. Pref.; Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.; Do. Ord.; Guinness; Do. Pref.; Peter Walker Ord.; South African Breweries; Walker (John) Pref.; Watney Combe Def. — [prices illegible]

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

Aerated Bread; Bovril Def.; Lipton; Do. Pref.; Lyons (J.); Mackintosh (J.) Pref.; Maypole Def.; Smithfield Arg. Meat; Spratt's Patent; Union Cold Storage Pref.; Van Den Berghs; Do. Pref. — [prices illegible]

IRON AND STEEL.

Armstrong (W. G.); Cammell Laird; Dorman Long; John Brown; Do. (15/- paid); Pease and Partners; South Durham Steel; Siemens; United Steel; Vickers Ord.; Weardale Iron C.P.O. — [prices illegible]

LAND.

Aboukir Land; Argentine Northern Land; Do. Southern Land; B.N.B. Land; Forestal Land; Hudson's Bay Ord.; Niger Pref.; Pekin Syndicate; Rio Negro Lands; Sudan Plantations — [prices illegible]

NEWSPAPERS.

Assd. Newspapers Def.; Daily Mail Deb.; Daily Mirror Ord.; Sunday Pictorial Ord. — [prices illegible]

NITRATES.

Alianza; Anglo-Chilian Nitrate; Lautaro Nitrate; Lagunas Nitrate; Liverpool Nitrate; London Nitrate; Rosario Nitrate; Santa Rita Nitrate; Santiago Nitrate; Tarapaca Nitrate — [prices illegible]

SHIPPING.

Cargo Fleet; Court Line; Cunard Ord.; Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.; Furness Withy; P. and O. Def.; Royal Mail Ord. — [prices illegible]

TEXTILES AND STORES.

Amalgamated Cotton; Bleachers; Bradford Dyers; British Celanese Ord.; Calico Printers; Coats; Courtaulds; English Sewing Cotton; Fine Spinners; Harrods; Linen Thread Ord.; Lister Ord.; Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref. — [prices illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

African and East. Trade; Anglo-Arg. Tram 1st Pf.; Associated Cement; Do. Pref.; Borax Con. Def.; Brazilian Traction; British Portland Cement; British Glass; B.S.A.; British Oil and Cake; Brit. Col. Electric Rail.; Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.; Brit.-Amer. Tobacco; Brunner Mond; Bryant and May; De La Rue Deb.; Dunlop Rubber; Do. Deb.; Do. Amer. Tire Deb.; British Electric; Finlay (James); General Electric Ord.; Do. Debs.; Gramophone Ord.; Imperial Tobacco Ord.; Lever 7 p.c. Pref.; Lever 7 p.c. Debs.; Lever 8 p.c. Debs.; Mexican Trams; Do. Bonds; Do. L. and P. Bonds; Nobel Ord.; Do. Pref.; Do. Def.; Parent Tyre Def.; Do. Ord.; Platt Bros. Ord.; Rolls Royce; Salt Union; San Paulo Tram Deb.; Shawinigan Water Debs; Tilling Ord.; Do. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref.; United Alkali; Wallsend Def. — [prices illegible]

OILS.

M.U. Jan. 6.				
	Agwi Petroleum	[illegible]		
	Anglo-American	[illegible]	+	
	Anglo-Ecuadorian	[illegible]		
	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	[illegible]		
	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	[illegible]		
	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	[illegible]		
	Do. Ord., issued 3½ p.c.	[illegible]		
	Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	[illegible]		
	Apex Trinidad	[illegible]	+	
	Attock	[illegible]		
	British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	[illegible]		
	British Burmah (8/-)	[illegible]		
	British Controlled	[illegible]	−	0/3
	Do. Pref.	[illegible]	−	0/3
	Burmah	[illegible]		
	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]		
	Caltex	[illegible]		
	Dacia Romano	[illegible]		
	Eagle Transport	[illegible]		
	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	[illegible]		
	Do. Bearer	[illegible]		
	General Pet. Trinidad A.	[illegible]		
	Kern River (10/-)	[illegible]	−	0/3
	Lobitos	[illegible]	−	
	Mexican Eagle	[illegible]	−	
	Do. Pref.	[illegible]	−	
	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]		
	North Caucasian (10/-)	[illegible]	+	
	Pern Syndicate	[illegible]		
	Phoenix	[illegible]		
	Roumanian Consolidated	[illegible]		
	Royal Dutch	[illegible]		
	Shell Transport	[illegible]		
	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	[illegible]		
	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]		
	Spies (10/-)	[illegible]		
	Steaua Romana	[illegible]		
	Tankers Pref.	[illegible]		
	Trinidad Central	[illegible]		
	Trinidad Lease	[illegible]		
	United Brit. Trinidad	[illegible]		
	Ural Caspian	[illegible]		
	Uros Oil	[illegible]		
	V.O.C. Holdings	[illegible]		
	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]		

RUBBERS.

Anglo-Dutch; Anglo-Java; Anglo-Malay; Bertam Cons.; Bukit Mertajam; Bukit Sembawang; Damansara; Grand Central; Highlands; Kamuning; Kepong; Kuala Lumpur; Labu; Linggi; London Asiatic; Malacca; Malayalam; Merlimau; Mooply Valley; Port Dickson; Rubber Trust; Seafield; Senawang; Sialang; Straits Rubber; Tali Ayer; Tandjong; Un. Serdang; United Sua Betong; Vallambrosa; Ampat; Anglo-Sumatra; Bah Lias; Batu Tiga; B.N.B.R. Trust; Brieh; Bukit Cloh; Bukit Rajah; Castlefield; Cheviot; Cicely; Eastern Trust; Gen. Ceylon; Glenshiel; Golden Hope; Java Amal.; Kapar Para; Kinta Kellas; Kamuning; Kombok; Langkat Sum.; Ledbury; Manch'ter N.B.; Membakut; Mendaris; N. Hummock; P.P.K. (Cyl'n); Pataling; Pegoh; Pilmoor; Rim Malacca; Rub. E. Johore; Sapong; Sapumalk'de; Sepang Sel.; Seaport; Serdang (Cel'n); Soember Aloe; Sumatra Con.; Sungei Buaya; Sungei Choh; Sungei Kapar; Sungei Kr. Pt.; Talpling; Tamiang; Tebrau; Telogoredjo; Temiang; Un. Temiang; Yam Seng — [prices illegible]

* Ex div. † Ex rights. ‡ Cum div. § bonus.

TEAS. — [illegible]

*Ex dividend.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance, 15⅛; Atlas, 18¼, ⅛; British General Insurance, 56/-, 6d., 5/3, 5/6, 9d., 6/3; Commercial Union, 24 1/16, ⅛, ¼; Consolidated Assurance, 42/-; Eagle Star, 8¼, ⅛; Employers' Liability, 81⅛, 1¼d., 10½d., 9d., 2/3; General Accident, £9 3/-, 9¼d.; General Life Assurance, 10¼; Gresham Fire, 21/9; Guardian Assurance, 8½, ⅛; Guardian Eastern, 8/6¼; London and Lancashire, 21¼; London Associated Reinsurance, 8⅛, 3d., 7/10½; London Assurance, 12⅞, ¼, ⅛, £12 0/3; Motor Union, 8⅝, ½, ⅛; North British, 23¼, ¼, ⅛; do. Pref. Stock, 81¼, ½, ⅛; Northern Assurance, 17⅛, ⅛; Phoenix Pelican, 13⅛; Prudential "B," 42/1½, 1/3, 2/6, 2/-, 3d., 1/9; Royal Exchange, 681, 2, 80; Royal Insurance, 33, ⅛; Scottish Union, 11 1/16, £11 10/6, £11 11/-; Sea Insurance, 76/3, 7/4½, 6/10½; Sun Insurance, 23¼; United British, 38/9; Western Alliance Reinsurance, 13/6, 11¼d.; World Auxiliary, 25/-, 4/4¼, 7½d., 9d.; Yorkshire Insurance, £11 16/6, 13⅛.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL:—Alliance, 15⅛; Caledonian, 16 1/16; Commercial Union, 24⅛; Employers' Liability, 81/9; General Accident, 9⅛, ⅛; Guardian, 8⅛; London and Lancashire, 21 1/16, ⅛; London Assurance, 12⅞; Motor Union, 9; North British, 22⅞, ⅛; Northern, 17⅛; Phoenix, 13⅛; ditto Pelican, 13⅛; Norwich Union, 13⅛, 1/16; Royal Exchange, 690; Royal Insurance, 32 15/16, ⅛, 1/16; Scottish Union, 11⅛; Sea, 3⅝; Sun Insurance, 23 1/16.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS IN BETTER SUPPLY.

FALL IN STERLING.

Conditions were more comfortable in Lombard street yesterday, there being less pressure for loans, which were generally obtainable at 3 to 3½ p.c. for a day and 2¾ p.c. for a week. Old day-to-day money was also renewed at 2¾ p.c. The discount market was quiet, with the tendency a shade easier. Fine three months' bills were called 3 1/16 p.c. and four months' 3 11/16-3⅞ p.c. The new Treasuries were again offered at 3⅝ p.c., without attracting many buyers.

Bank Rate Discount (changed July 5, 1923), 4%

60 days (fine)	3⅛	3¼%	Trade 4	4½%
3 months	3½	3⅞%	„ 4	4½%
4 months		3⅞%	„ 4¼	4½%
6 months		4 %	„ 4½	5 %
Loans to brokers day-to-day			3½	2¾%
„ for a week				2¾%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call				2 %
Discount houses, at call				2 %
„ at notice				2¼%

Gold rose 7d. per oz. further to 87s. 8d. nominal, on the re-action in the value of sterling. Silver declined ⅛d. per oz. for spot and 3/16d. for forward delivery to 32¼d. and 32 3/16d. respectively.

Sterling opened at a still lower level yesterday, following the over-night fall in New York, and the rate subsequently depreciated to 4.75½ on speculative selling, but rallied later to 4.76½-4.76⅝. Most of the Continental exchanges moved against London, following the lead of the dollar. The following are closing quotations:—

—	January 14.		January 13.		Normal Rate
Alexandria	97¼		97¼		97½
Amsterdam	11.79¾	11.79¾	11.80	11.80⅞	12.10
B. Ayres	45¼	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛	47.58
Barcelona	33.72	33.75	33.74	33.76	25.22
Berlin	19.95	20.05	20.05	20.15	20.43
Bombay	1 5⅞	1 5⅞	1 5⅞	1 5⅞	2/0
Brussels	95.55	95.65	95.35	95.40	25.22½
Calcutta	1 5⅞	1 5⅞	1 5⅞	1 5⅞	2/0
Christiania	31.27	31.30	31.30	31.33	18.15
Copenhagen	26.84	26.86	26.82	26.87	18.15
Czecho-Slov	158	158½	158⅞	159¼	—
Finland	188½	189½	189½	190	—
Greece	264	269	263	266	25.22½
Hong Kong	2 3⅜		2 3⅜		—
Hungary	342,000	348,000	342,000	348,000	—
Italy	115.10	115.20	114.15	114.25	25.22½
Lisbon	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	53¼
Madrid	33.72	33.76	33.76	33.78	25.22½
Mexico	24⅞	25⅛	24⅞	25⅛	24⅞
Montreal	4.78	4.78⅝	4.78⅝	4.79	4.86
Montevideo	49½	50	49½	50	51d.
New York	4.75⅞	4.77⅝	4.76⅞	4.78⅛	4.86
Paris	89.12	89.32½	89.15	89.40	25.22
Poland	24.60	24.80	24.75	24.95	25.22½
Rio de Jan.	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞	6	16d.
Roumania	9 23	9.25	9.25	9.30	—
Shanghai	3/2	3/2⅛	3/2⅛	3.2⅛	—
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4⅛
Stockholm	17.68	17.70	17.70	17.73	18.15
Switzerland	24.70	24.73	24.73	24.75	25.22
Valparaiso	41.40		41.20		13.33
Vienna	335,000	340,000	335,000	340,000	—
Yokohama	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	—

RUBBER RETURNS.

Malay—December, 33,000 lbs. (28,000). Pariti Bruas (Malay) Rubber Company, Ltd.—December, 16,000 lbs. (11,000). (Return for December, 1923, in parentheses.)

OIL OUTPUT.

Tampico Oil, Ltd.—Production on the company's properties in Mexico during December was 63,467 barrels, in respect of which the royalty due to Tampico Oil, Ltd., amounted to 4,685 barrels.

LONDON MINING MARKET QUIET.

PRICES GENERALLY DOWNWARD.

Although conditions generally remained very satisfactory, the House was not in a very happy mood yesterday, and business was of a spotty character. This was, no doubt, due to the evening up of accounts in view of the approach of the settlement, preliminary arrangements for which will be made to-morrow, so far as the Mining market is concerned. A fairly substantial bull position has been built up, and the failure of the hopes held out by the activity noticeable at the end of last week has induced some profit-taking, with the result that prices generally are on the downward trend. In the absence of demand on home, Paris and Cape account, many of the usually active Kaffirs were marked down. The Rhodesian department was affected by the general change of sentiment, and Chartered, although an active centre, were unable to maintain their position. Zambesia also receded, but Tanks and most of the higher-priced shares held their own. Small shrinkages were, however, shown in Bwana M'Kubwa, Exploring, Land and Minerals, T. and R. and several others. Diamond shares were easier under the lead of De Beers Def.; Consolidated Diamonds, however, were in request and higher. The price of tin was again easier, being £1 down at £265 17s. 6d. per ton. The Share market continued to wear a depressed air, and prices, with one exception, were lowered. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Jan. 5.		
1⅛	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1⅛-1 3/16 − 1/16
15/0	Anglo-French	[illegible]
3⅛	Brakpan	[illegible]
12⅞	Cent. Min'g (£8)	[illegible]
13/0	Central W'st(5/)	[illegible]
⅛	City Deep	[illegible]
3	Con. Goldfields	[illegible]
15/0	Cons. Main Reef	[illegible]
15/3	Cons. Selec. 10/	[illegible]
2⅞	Crown Mines (10/)	[illegible]
22/3	Durban Deep	[illegible]
11/10½	E. Rand Prop.	[illegible]
3⅛	Geduld	[illegible]
13/9	Gen. Mining	[illegible]
10/3	G. M. Investment	[illegible]
7⅜	Government Mines	[illegible]
12/10½	H. E. Prop.	[illegible]
36/6	Johan'burg I'est.	[illegible]
5/0	Kleinfontein	[illegible]
18/6	Knight's	[illegible]
22/0	Langlaagte Estate	[illegible]
4	Meyer & Charlton	[illegible]
4⅛	M'derfontein (10/)	[illegible]
29/1⅛	Modder B (5/)	[illegible]
2⅛	Modder Deep (5/)	[illegible]
⅛	Modder East	[illegible]
1⅞	New State Areas	[illegible]
9/6	Nigel	[illegible]
9/0	Nourse Mines	[illegible]
3/3	Rand Mines (5/)	[illegible]
20/0	Randfontein	[illegible]
1⅛	Rob'son D A (1/)	[illegible]
1⅛	Robinson Dp. B	[illegible]
13/6	Rose Deep	[illegible]
10/0	Sabie (5/-)	[illegible]
	S.A. Gold Trust	[illegible]
2⅞	Springs Mines	[illegible]
11/9	Sub Nigel	[illegible]
3⅛	Trans. and Del. B.	[illegible]
34/6	Trans.-Con. I.(10/)	[illegible]
45/6	Union Corp(12/6)	[illegible]
26/9	Van Ryn	[illegible]
4	Van Ryn Deep	[illegible]
22/9	Vereeniging	[illegible]
11/0	Village Deep	[illegible]
23/0	West Springs	[illegible]
3/9	Do. Options	[illegible]
⅜	Wit'ersrand Deep	[illegible]

RHODESIAN. — [illegible]

TIN. — [illegible]

* Ex. Dividend. † Ex. Rights.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among Active Stocks and Shares were "Marked" in London yesterday:— [illegible]

MINES. — [illegible]

OILS. — [illegible]

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

TRAFFICS.

Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway—November, $131,913. Great Western Railway—Week to January 11, decrease £16,000. Southern Railway—Week to January 11, increase £4,000.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather—W.S.W. wind; fresh breeze; fine and clear.

Foreign Arrivals—Ss. Inver, of Belfast, 732 tons register (Captain Woods), from Rotterdam, with a general cargo; discharged at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Belfast with part cargo; ss. West Harshaw, of Portland (O.), 3,560 tons register (Captain Bailod), from Galveston, via Liverpool, with a cargo of cotton seed meal and flour; discharging at Sir John Rogerson's quay.

Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. Slieve Bawn, ss. Slieve Gallion, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Kildare, ss. Lady Limerick, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Brier, from Heysham, with goods; ss. Pointer, from Glasgow, with goods; ss. Glenageary, ss. Walnut, from Partington, with coals; ss. Emerald, from Newport, with coals; ss. St. Barchan, from Ayr, with coals.

Coastwise Departures—Ss. Snowdon, ss. Slieve Bawn, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Limerick, for Liverpool and Birkenhead, with live stock and goods; ss. Brier, for Heysham, with goods; ss. Pointer, for Glasgow, with goods; ss. Clareisland, for Manchester, with porter; ss. Ophir, for Ormeshead, light; ss. Glenmary, ss. Briarfield, ss. Ashfield, for Garston, light; ss. Sapphire, for Troon, ss. Olive, for Liverpool, light; ss. Moss Rose, for Preston, light; ss. St. Mungo, ss. Achill, for Birkenhead, light.

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ANDES, Buenos Ayres for Southampton, called Bahia 13.
ABA, Lagos for Liverpool, called Las Palmas 12.
BEREBY, from Liverpool, arr. Secondee 12.
BENUE, for England, left Lobos 12.
CRAWFORD CASTLE, for London, left Port Said 13.
COLUMBUS, New York for Cherbourg, called Plymouth 13.
DORIC, from Liverpool, arr. New York 12.
DUNLUCE CASTLE, Natal for London, arrived East London 13.
DIRECTOR, for London, left San Francisco 13.
DUNLUCE CASTLE, from Beira, arr. East London 13.
EURIPIDES, Brisbane for London, left Natal 13.
EGORI, Liverpool for Sapele, called Las Palmas 12.
EBOE, for Liverpool, left Conakry 11.
FANTEE, for West Africa, left the Mersey 13.
HOMERIC, for New York, left Southampton 14.
INTABA, from Demerara, arrived Gravesend 14.
KATORI MARU, London for Kobe, called Colombo 14.
KINDERDIJK, London for North Pacific, left Cristobal 13.
LOCH KATRINE, for Liverpool, left Los Angeles 10.
LAGURA, for Liverpool, left Callao 13.
LEICESTERSHIRE, for London, left Rangoon 14.
MINNEWASKA, from London, arr. New York 12.
NEURALIA, from Bombay, arr. Southampton 14.
NEWTON, for London, left Buenos Ayres 13.
NEBRASKA, for Liverpool, arr. San Francisco 12.
ORCA, from Southampton, arr. New York 12.
PARIS, New York for Havre, called Plymouth 13.
PORT CAMPBELL, New Zealand for London, left Colon 11.
RIMUTAKA, Dunedin for London, arr. Wellington 9.
RUAPEHU, Newport for Port Chalmers, arr. Dunedin 8.
SALAGA, for Liverpool, left Teneriffe 12.
SERBINO, Liverpool for Alexandria, arr. Malta 13.
SOPHOCLES, Brisbane for London, left Melbourne 13.
TEKOA, from London, arr. Auckland 13.
UMSINGA, Port Sudan for Hull, left Port Said 13.
VERENTIA, for London, left Portland, Maine, 13.
ZARIS, for Liverpool, left Grand Bassam 12.

Cunard Line.

CARONIA, from New York and Boston, due Liverpool next Sunday.
MAURETANIA, from Southampton, arrived New York 14.

CANADIAN CATTLE EXPORTS.

(SPECIAL CABLE.)
MONTREAL, Wednesday.

Trade firmer, extra choice steers making 8.40 to 8.90 dollars, choice 8 to 8.25 dollars, choice bulls 5.50 to 6 dollars, good 4.75 to 5.25 dollars per 100lbs. Sailings to Liverpool:—Cornishman, 709 cattle; West Cohas, 616. To Glasgow—Parthenia, 527.

BUILDING.

Among items of interest in our building pages, published to-day, will be found particulars of a supplemental scheme which has been adopted by the Commissioners of the County Borough of Dublin, with the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. In pursuance of this scheme local assistance will be granted to persons for the purposes of enabling them to erect dwellings. The following are referred to on the building pages in this issue:—

Air Compressors.	Galvanised Iron.	Screws.
Boilers.	Gas Fittings.	Screens.
Boreholes.	Gas Engines.	Sewers.
Building.	Heating.	Sheetrock.
Builders' Providers.	Hinges.	Skylights.
Building Sites.	Hardwoods.	Slates.
Castings.	Hydrants.	Softwoods.
Cast Iron Work.	Ironwork.	Steel Joists.
Cement.	Locks.	Stone Machinery.
Clay Goods.	Machinery.	Surface Boxes.
Columns.	Machinery Repairs.	Tarmacadam Mixers.
Concreting.	Manhole Covers.	Timber.
Concrete Mixers.	Metal Windows.	Traction Engines.
Contracting.	Nails.	Valves.
Cranes.	Oil Engines.	Wagons.
Creosoting Plant.	Oxide of Zinc.	Wells.
Drainage Goods.	Plant.	Windows.
Electrical Plant.	Plumbing.	Woodworking Machinery.
Engines.	R. W. Fittings.	
Engineering.	Roads.	
Expanded Metal.	Sanitary Goods.	

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

HIBERNIAN BANK.—10 per cent. per annum (5/- per share) free of income tax, £8,350 to income tax suspense, £5,000 to bank premises, £15,000 to reserve, and £26,123 forward. The reserve fund now stands at £560,000, or £60,000 larger than the paid-up capital. A year ago the dividend was at the rate of 11 per cent. per annum, or 5/6 per share less income tax; £12,109 to reserve, £5,000 off premises account; £23,964 forward. There was a special profit of £37,890 made on sale of investments and added to the reserve, which then was raised to £525,000, so that £35,000 has been added to the reserve during the past year. The 5/- net present payment per share compares with 4/1½ a year ago, taking the then income tax at 5/- in the £.

BELFAST BANKING COMPANY.—The report of the Board of Superintendence to be submitted to the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Belfast Banking Company, to be held in Belfast on Tuesday, 27th January, states:—The net profits of the bank for the year ending 31st December, 1924, full provision having been made for rebate, expenses, and all bad and doubtful debts, amount to £106,797 3s., to which has been added the balance brought forward from last account of £83,372 12s. 8d., making together a total sum of £190,169 15s. 8d. This has been appropriated as follows:—Two half-yearly dividends, less income tax, have been paid, amounting in all to £51,150; reserve for future contingencies, £50,000, making in all £101,150. The balance carried forward to next account is £89,019 15s. 8d. During the past year the Old and New Shares have been unified, and a further sum of 10s. per share has been paid on all shares as indicated in last year's balance sheet. All shares are £12 10s. each, with £3 per share now paid, and the dividend on such shares is at a uniform rate. The investments of the bank, as shown in the balance sheet, are valued at or below the market price. The Board and directors have to record, with the deepest regret, the death, on 13th July last, of their much-valued friend and colleague, Mr. Henry Incledon Johns, the senior director of the bank, who had, with great devotion and conspicuous ability, served the bank as a director for thirty-six years. The auditor, Mr. G. H. Tulloch, F.C.A., of Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Co., of Dublin, chartered accountants, now retires, and offers himself for re-election. It will be proposed that the Board of Superintendence of the bank for the year 1925 shall consist of the following members:—Captain Richard Blakiston-Houston, D.L.; Mr. William Chaine, D.L.; Cairncastle Lodge, Larne; Colonel the Right Hon. R. G. Sharman-Crawford, D.L.; Sir Thomas J. Dixon, Bart., H.M.L.; Messrs. James Gallaher, James A. M. Heyn, and Marcus A. Mitchell.

DUBLIN ARTISANS' DWELLINGS.—4/6 per share free of tax; £1,292 to depreciation, £5,000 to reserve, £2,500 for special repairs account, and £4,676 forward; also a payment at the rate of 2 per cent. tax free in lieu of final dividend was paid for year 1920, payable in two moieties of 2/- per share each. (Last year's dividend, 4/6 per share tax free).

EAST INDIAN COAL CO.—Dividend of 10 per cent., less tax, for half-year.

HOTCHKISS AND CIE.—An interim dividend of 40f. per share.

HOULDER LINE.—Dividend of 10 per cent. (free of tax) is recommended on the Ordinary Shares.

McINTYRE, HOGG, MARSH, AND CO.—Final dividend on Pref. Shares of 4½ per cent., and a final dividend on Ord. Shares of 6¼ per cent. In addition, a bonus of 9d. per share on the Pref. Shares and 1/6 per share on the Ord. Shares.

METROPOLITAN TRUST CO., LTD.—A final dividend of £10 10/- per cent. on the Ordinary Stock, making a total of 17½ per cent. for the year.

WESTMINSTER BANK.—The net profits of Westminster Bank for the past year, after providing for bad and doubtful debts and all expenses, amount to £2,013,502. This sum, added to £568,479 brought forward from 1923, makes available the sum of £2,581,981. The dividends, 20 p.c. on the £20 shares and 13½ per cent on the £1 shares, absorb £1,287,886; £100,000 has been transferred to bank premises account, £300,000 to rebuilding account, £200,000 to Contingent Fund, and £100,000 to Staff Provident Fund, leaving a balance of £594,095 to be carried forward.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1924. £	1923. £	1922. £
Net profit	2,013,502	1,804,782	1,888,021
Brought forward..	568,479	536,585	519,708
Total available..	2,581,981	2,341,367	2,407,729
Dividends	1,287,886	1,272,888	1,221,144
Bank Premises Ac.	100,000	100,000	200,000
Rebuilding Account	300,000	300,000	150,000
Contingent Fund..	200,000	100,000	300,000
Provident Fund ..	100,000	nil	nil
Carried forward ..	594,095	568,479	536,585
	2,581,981	2,341,367	2,407,729

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

RETURN TO THE GOLD STANDARD.

In Pretoria it is understood to be virtually certain that Great Britain will be returning to a gold standard simultaneously with South Africa, and an early pronouncement is expected in London.

LOW TEMPERATURE CARBONISATION.

Important developments are expected shortly in connection with Low Temperature Carbonisation, Ltd. The Marquess of Winchester, a director of the City of London Electric and the British South Africa Co., will, it is rumoured, join the board of directors. He will represent important mining interests. There is reason to believe that the company is now at the end of its trouble. All capital necessary for the extention of the company's operations and to work existing contracts is available. The ordinary shares of £1 each are now at 9s. 6d. and the 7 p.c. participating preference at 6s. 6d. It is said that the operations which are being conducted at present are of such importance and promise so favourably that the ordinary shares quite outshine the preference as a speculative investment.

BRITAIN'S EXCESS OF IMPORTS OVER EXPORTS.

Barclay's Bank Monthly Review gives the following tabulated statement of Britain's excess of imports over exports:—

	£
November, 1913	15,710,268
November, 1923	25,657,726
January, 1924	23,712,608
February, 1924	15,499,814
March, 1924	29,925,110
April, 1924	11,527,702
May, 1924	38,734,522
June, 1924	16,453,701
July, 1924	26,557,580
August, 1924	26,938,169
September, 1924	28,046,819
October, 1924	38,940,201
November, 1924	38,262,427

The transfer books of the Great Northern Railway Company's Ordinary Stock and the 4 per cent. Preference Stock will be closed from Monday, 26th January, to Wednesday, 25th February, both days inclusive.

ARGENTINE CROPS.

The Anglo-South American Bank agent cables as follows:—"Buenos Aires, 6th January. Moderate isolated rains have again fallen, and these have been well spread over the whole agricultural zone, thus favouring the continued growth of maize. A larger proportion than usual of this crop is late sown and will not be safe from drought until mid-February. There are a few reports of locust damage to the crop, although no such news of a serious nature has yet transpired. The cutting of wheat, linseed and oats is practically finished, and threshing is being very actively carried on. The camps are generally in good condition. The transportation of cereals, including the last of the old maize crop, is becoming active." "7th January. In the live-stock market steers for chilling are quoted to-day at 31 cents per kilo live weight and freezing wethers at 29 cents per lb. The current quotation for salted ox hides (frigorificos) is $40.50 (gold) per 100 kilos, and for dry hides (Province of Buenos Aires) $5.45 (gold) per 10 kilos."

GOLD FIELDS PROSPECTS.

The recovery in the price of Gold Fields to about 22s. 6d. is partly in sympathy with other shares of the kind and partly on the strength of the company's interest in the American Cellulose and Chemical Manufacturing Company (says *Truth*). Respecting the prospects of this industrial concern, very enthusiastic talk has been current in the market, and its Common Stock has been in persistent demand recently, with the result that the price has risen from about 12½ to 17. This company is using the processes developed in England by British Celanese, and it is understood that the stage of manufacturing artificial silk has just been reached. Meanwhile, the American company has been importing considerable quantities of silk from England and selling it in the United States in order to introduce the product on the American market. The shares of the other finance companies associated with the Gold Fields have improved in sympathy, spurts being recorded in the prices of Gold Mines Investments and Gold Coast Amalgamated in the belief that these companies are probably also interested in the industrial undertaking mentioned.

TERENURE TERMINUS FIRE.

Fire broke out early yesterday morning in the offices of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, at Terenure, Dublin. The fire was confined to two offices on the second storey, and damage was caused to the extent of approximately £150. None of the company's books was damaged. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Insurance at low rates with Phoenix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—J. R. Warner, Manager. Agents everywhere.—(Advt.)

IRISH HOUSEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

RECENT LEGISLATION CRITICISED.

A meeting of the Pembroke Branch of the Irish Houseowners' Protection Association was held in the branch rooms, Shelbourne road, on Monday evening last, Mr. Lindsay (Vice-Chairman), presided.

The Secretary stated that the annual meeting of the Association for the election of officers to act on the Executive Council would be held at No. 5 Leinster street on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

The Chairman warned house owners that if they wanted to protect the property they had acquired by their thrift they would need to be alive to a sense of their responsibilities. There were very dark days ahead, and they would need to be up and doing. He had been reading accounts of meetings held to discuss the housing situation, and he noticed that the various speakers arrived at the one conclusion, and that was—that if the housing problem was to be solved, private enterprise must be encouraged. What had been done to encourage private enterprise? The owners who had invested the money that they had earned by the sweat of their brows were being scandalously treated by the existing laws. They were prevented from having proper control over the management of their property, while their tenants were fleecing the poor unfortunates who were compelled to live in rooms, and were receiving more rent for one room than the owner received for the whole house. Having got on so well in this particular line, they went a step further in demanding the confiscation of the owners' property.

Mr. Ryan said that the majority of the people who were taking advantage of the Government grant were either building houses to live in themselves, or to sell to the highest bidder. Houses built to place on the market would not serve much to relieve the congestion, as the greatest sufferers through the shortage had not sufficient capital to buy a house, and the housing problem would only be solved when this particular class was provided for. In and previous to 1914 there were at least 500 speculative builders in and around Dublin building both small and large houses, and the result was that there were several houses to let in every street and road in the city and suburbs. Surely, that was an ideal opportunity for the people to obtain cheap houses. This class of property was in that period a safe investment, and those who had money to invest had no hesitation in speculating in such a venture. There was a lively competition, and as there were plenty of houses to select from, it gave the people an opportunity to rent a house according to their means. To-day many were renting houses that were far in advance of those that they would rent if conditions were anything like what they were in 1914, but, although they could ill afford to pay for this particular class of house, they preferred to make a forfeit, knowing that if they left it they would have no chance of getting another.

The housing conditions of the poorer classes were always a considerable amount of worry to the people, and it was hoped that some real attempt would be made to provide them with decent homes; but housing legislation appeared to aim at multiplying, instead of diminishing, the slums.

INDECENT BOOKS.

DRASTIC REMEDIES PROPOSED

At a meeting of the Irish Vigilance Association, held at 39 North Great George's street, Dublin, last night, the Rev. M. H. MacInerney, O.P., who presided, said that a deputation from the Association had waited upon the Minister for Justice with reference to dealing with the trade in immoral literature. It was recognised that there were difficulties in the way of setting up a censorship. As an alternative, the deputation said that they were willing to fall in with whatever scheme the Government thought desirable.

It was suggested that the Government might possibly deal with the matter as the New Zealand Government did some years ago through the Customs authorities. In this connection it was proposed by the deputation that the Minister for Finance should impose a heavy tariff on all imported publications, and draw up a privileged list that would be exempt from the tariff. That would hit a great many undesirable publications, including those dealing with the betting and gambling mania. The Minister for Justice received the deputation sympathetically, and promised to give the matter every consideration.

Of course, said Father MacInerney, he relied upon their assistance and on the assistance of the public generally, which had not hitherto been available.

The Very Rev. J. S. Sheehy, C.M., Dean of All Hallows College, read a paper on "A New Forward Movement in the Vigilance Association." Having dealt with the beginnings and development of the movement to fight the objectionable papers and magazines from England, and afterwards indecent theatrical and cinema entertainments, the lecturer went on to say that legislation should be passed which would prevent a cinema film that had been rejected by the censor in Dublin from being shown throughout the country. There was nothing in the law forbidding posters, unless they were positively indecent, but these were often the worst part of the cinema exhibition. The question of theatrical entertainments, however, had not yet been grappled with.

The greatest question of all was the indecent literature that was flooding the country. Unless that flood was checked the faith and morals of Ireland would be in serious danger. The Government should help. All quibbling should be set aside.

The Rev. Father Augustine, O.F.M., said that while they were speaking booksellers continued to sell this literature. The evil was going ahead and driving the people mad. If they intended to stop it they should organise at once and get to work.

Mr. T. J. Deering agreed with the need for organising, but pointed out that people need not buy immoral papers. If they were reading them to the extent that had been said, it was their own fault. They could not blame the Government, because there was no legislation compelling them to buy these papers. An appeal should be made to the people to do what they could in the matter.

HIBERNIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Hibernian Bible Society was held at 20 Lincoln place, Dublin, last Tuesday. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The Deputation Secretary reported that during December eight sermons had been preached, and thirty-two meetings held. £98 19s. 3d. had been received in respect of the Bible Sunday appeal, which represented contributions from fifty congregations. Applications for grants were read and considered, and 3,900 Bibles, Testaments and portions were granted free and at reduced prices for day and Sunday schools, prizes, hospitals and colportage work. Cheques were drawn to pay accounts as audited, and a contribution of £200 forwarded to the British and Foreign Bible Society. The issue from the Depôt, 20 Lincoln place, for the nine months ended December, 1924, amounted to 40,495 Bibles, Testaments and portions.

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